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**New power station and rail fare rows  
deal blow to PM's green credentials**

By **PHIL REILLY AND TONY PATEY**

ENVIRONMENTALISTS say the Prime Minister's public stance on green issues lies in tatters this weekend after two pollution-related rows erupted in Kent.

The attack came after the introduction of Government-approved, above-inflation train fare hikes which critics warned would force rail commuters back into cars.

The Government also appeared to give tacit support to plans for a new coal-fired power station at Kingsnorth.

Campaigners say both would result in more carbon emissions, undermining the Government's recently agreed targets on climate change.

Dr Caroline Lucas, the Green Party MEP for the South East, said Gordon Brown "has no claim to climate change credentials".

"This has reinforced my perception that this government seems to be living in two parallel universes," she told Kent on Sunday.

"In one it has its rhetoric about climate change and its Climate Change Bill, yet in the other universe there is no indication they're taking it seriously at all."

A Greenpeace spokesman said: "Both the allowed increases in rail fares and the serious consideration of the first coal-fired power station in

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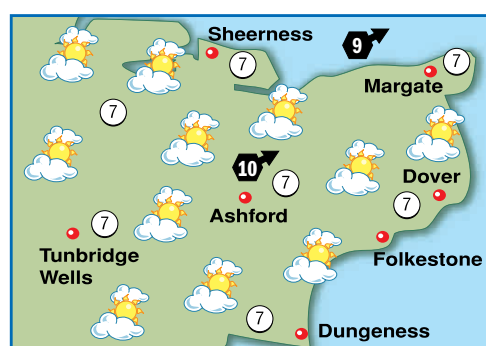
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## Kent today



**TODAY:** Once any early mist patches have cleared, it will be dry with some patchy cloud, but also plenty of sunshine. The evening will be clear. Gentle south-westerly winds. Max temp 4-7C (39-45F).

**TONIGHT:** Fine at first, but cloud and rain spreading from the west for a time. Min temp 2-5C (36-41F).

## Around Britain

		°C	°F			°C	°F
Aberdeen	fair	6	43	London	fair	8	46
Belfast	fair	9	48	Liverpool	fair	8	46
Birmingham	fair	4	39	Manchester	fair	7	45
B'mouth	sun	6	43	Newcastle	fair	6	43
Bristol	fair	10	50	Norwich	sun	6	43
Cardiff	sun	8	46	Oxford	sun	7	45
Cork	showers	7	45	Southsea	sun	9	48
Edinburgh	fair	6	43	S'hampton	fair	8	46
Glasgow	showers	7	45	Southport	sun	-	-
Isle of Man	fair	8	46	Swansea	showers	8	46
Leeds	fair	6	43	Torquay	fair	8	46

## Sun & moon

Sunrise	8.01am	Sunset	4.01pm	Lighting up times:
Moonrise	7.00am	Moonset	1.35pm	4.01pm to 8.01am

## High Tides

	today		tomorrow
	ht (m)	ht (m)	ht (m)
Dover	09.47 5.8 22.11 5.9	10.26 5.9 22.47 6.1	
Margate	10.37 4.1 22.53 4.2	11.21 4.2 23.33 4.3	
St Mary's	03.15 4.8 15.36 4.8	03.56 5.0 16.15 4.9	

## Week ahead

<b>monday</b> Mostly fine. max 9C min 6C	<b>thursday</b> Staying dry. max 9C min 5C
<b>tuesday</b> Showers later. max 9C min 5C	<b>friday</b> Some rain. max 8C min 4C
<b>wednesday</b> Bright spells. max 8C min 6C	<b>saturday</b> Rain clearing. max 7C min 4C

# Cold comfort as energy prices increase

By **TONY PATEY**

Business Editor

THOUSANDS of families in Kent will be paying higher energy bills from this weekend.

Energy firm npower announced that electricity prices for its domestic customers will rise by 12.7 per cent, while gas bills will see a 17.2 per cent increase, effective from this Saturday. Other energy suppliers are expected to also put up their prices soon.

npower said it had been "forced to put up prices" because of soaring wholesale energy costs. The rises will mean the average annual price

increase will be £64 for electricity and £95 for gas, across all payment methods.

Customers paying by pre-payment meters (PPMs) will see lower average price increases of 9.8 per cent for electricity and 15.7 per cent for gas. This is partly due to work npower has done on upgrading PPMs – resulting in a reduction of the extra costs associated with them.

But the increase will not be

applied to customers on npower's First Step 'social tariff'.

Giuseppe Di Vita, managing director of npower's residential business, said: "We always try to protect our customers for as long as possible, but sadly higher energy prices are a fact of life. "npower is not alone in facing these higher costs, and we expect other suppliers to follow suit very shortly. Anyone struggling to pay their bills, regardless of the time of year, should get in touch immediately."

But the increase immediately came under fire from independ-

ent consumer watchdog Energywatch.

Spokesman Karl Brookes said: "Consumers are always being softened up with talk of 'unavoidable' price rises. The wholesale price for gas has risen, it's true, but all suppliers can decide to absorb more of that themselves rather than pass all the rise on to consumers."

npower, a subsidiary of the German RWE utilities giant, said wholesale energy prices for 2008 had increased from last year by 66 per cent for electricity, and 60 per cent for gas.

# E.on says station would be 20 per cent more efficient

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more than 30 years are indicative of this government's incoherence on climate change.

"On the one hand they're urging us, the public, to turn down our thermostats, to fly less and to drive less and on the other hand they're allowing train fares to rise and building new runways for airports and new power stations."

Tory-controlled Medway Council this week voted 13-3 to give the green light to plans to build the coal-fired station. It received more than 9,000 objections to the planning application. The Kingsnorth plan now goes to the Government for final approval.

Although it has refused to comment specifically on Kingsnorth, a statement by the Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform (DBERR) suggested it was being seriously considered.

It said: "While many of the UK's coal stations are due to close over the next five to 10 years, it remains an important part of our energy mix as we develop lower carbon forms of power."

It is conceivable the matter will go to a public inquiry – which would be time-consuming and very expensive for all parties.

A DBERR spokesman said: "Medway's decision means an inquiry is not automatically triggered, but the Secretary of State still has

discretion to review in light of objections from other parties. The Secretary of State will want to carefully consider all representations."

The spokesman said the station, if it went ahead, would harness new Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) technology that could greatly reduce CO2 emissions spewing into the environment.

Energy company E.on, which wants to build the station, said it would produce two million tonnes of carbon dioxide less every year than the existing plant.

## Arguments

A spokeswoman said: "That is equal to taking half a million cars off UK roads every year. Kingsnorth will be 20 per cent more efficient than existing plants, that is a significant amount."

But the Conservatives questioned the readiness of the technology.

Alan Duncan, the Tory Shadow Secretary of State for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform, said: "E.on's arguments that Kingsnorth is going to be much cleaner are totally unconvincing, the Government has made a complete botch of carbon capture and there's no chance of CCS for many years."

"Kingsnorth is the most dirty of all the available options for a new power station, but if this is to go ahead the Government must

take the opportunity to develop green coal."

Dr James Hansen, the head of Nasa's Goddard Institute for Space Studies and one of the world's leading climate change scientists, has written to Gordon Brown warning that his energy policy could be "a tipping point for the world".

He said: "Your leadership is needed on a matter concerning coal-fired power plants in your country, a matter with ramifications for life on our planet, including all species."

The developments come against a backdrop of declining North Sea gas and oil supplies and the closure of several UK power stations. The current Kingsnorth station is due to close by 2015.

The Government is keen on building new power stations in order to secure the UK's energy supply so that the country is not reliant on importing energy from foreign states. It is soon expected to announce a new programme to build four new £2 billion nuclear plants shortly. One site is Dungeness, where both British Energy and French firm EDF Energy have expressed a desire to build a third reactor.

A spokesman for Mr Brown was invited to comment but declined to do so.



# Academy will focus on science and creative arts

A NEW £25 million academy in Kent has been given the green light by the Government.

The new school will replace Axton Chase School and be federated with the nearby Leigh Technology Academy in Dartford.

The new academy, based at Longfield, will specialise in sci-

ence and the creative arts. Current Axton Chase pupils will automatically transfer to the new school.

No date has been given for its opening, but new facilities could start being built in 2009.

Cllr Mark Dance, Kent County Council's cabinet member for edu-

cation, operations, resources and skills, said: "This latest academy builds the network of academies being created within Kent to nine."

"They serve areas of disadvantage and help to increase student motivation and performance."

The proposal was given the go-ahead in the same week that two

colleges in Bromley and Orpington announced they were to merge.

Bromley College of Further and Higher Education and Orpington College are to merge from August 2009, although both campuses are to be retained.

Almost £50 million will be spent on state of the art facilities.

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# 'No conflict of interests'

## Kent Labour MP defends £25,000 donation from property developer

By **JAMIE MCGINNES**

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A LABOUR MP has denied any conflict of interests after it emerged he is backing plans put forward by a property developer who donated £25,000 to his local party branch.

The MP, Stephen Ladyman, the member for Thanet South, said the developer's project would bring 1,000 jobs to Thanet if successful.

Millionaire Ken Wills, 54, made the £25,000 donation to the South Thanet Labour Party on June 13, 2007.

He said he is due to submit a planning application for a business centre at Manston later this month.

On August 2, Broadstairs-based Commercial Group Properties Plc (CGP), of which Mr Wills is chief executive, announced a memorandum of understanding with China's Zhejiang Province to lease 2.5m sq ft of land at Manston to Chinese businesses.

That followed an earlier announcement in May that up to 1.1m sq ft at the site would be leased to the Beijing Association of small and medium-sized enterprises.

On a visit to Shanghai in December, Dr Ladyman spoke about how the People's Republic could forge closer links with the UK.

Before the trip, he said he would be "talking about the importance of Chinese enterprises engaging with overseas partners if they want to continue the rapid growth of their economy and that UK businesses, especially in south-east England, have the expertise they need to act as partners".

### Visionary

"These partnerships will include the China Gateway that CGP plans at Manston," he added.

In an interview with KoS in November, Dr Ladyman praised the scheme.

Mr Wills told KoS this week that he made the £25,000 donation because he wanted to support Dr Ladyman, who, he said, has a "visionary" view of how to develop the area.

He said the donation was not connected with CGP's plans for Manston Business Park, which will be determined by Conservative-controlled Thanet District Council.

"My donation to Steve is nothing whatsoever to do with CGP. Steve Ladyman has been very supportive in a number of ways over the years – that's really my reason for supporting Steve or trying to help him in some small way.

"He's an excellent MP and that's the reason for my personal support for him.



**ABOVE BOARD:** Stephen Ladyman MP (above) says donation to Labour Party from Ken Wills (left) was properly disclosed

"He's not involved at all with the planning application. He's just simply giving his advice on how he sees the development and the potential benefits to Thanet."

Mr Wills added: "Steve has been very, very supportive for the last 12 months. He recognised the potential benefits for Thanet very early on and has assisted us throughout, certainly when we were putting the project together.

"He's been to China on two occasions. The last time was in Shanghai where he attended a conference and spoke on behalf of the British government and also on behalf of our company."

Dr Ladyman was still Transport Minister when the £25,000 donation was made. He was sacked from the post at the end of June by new Prime Minister Gordon Brown.

The MP said the Electoral Commission watchdog was informed about the donation and it was recorded in the MPs' register of interests. He also said a press release about the money was issued at the time.

"There's no conflict of interests at all because the planning decisions are taken by the district council," said Dr Ladyman.

"The decision to designate that land as a business park was something that has been in the district plan and economic development plan for a decade.

"Political parties have to be funded by somebody. Somebody has to make a personal donation. The only thing you can do is be open and honest about it.

"It was reported to the Electoral Commission, it was reported to the MPs' register of interests, which we didn't need to do. We couldn't have been more open and honest about this."

Dr Ladyman added: "This is a thousand jobs he's potentially bringing to the area. It would be utter madness if I wasn't totally supportive of what he's trying to do."

The press release and entry in the register of interests record the donation as being

from Ken Wills, of Summit Aviation – another company he runs. Neither mention CGP.

Susan Brown, spokeswoman for the Kent Labour Party, said: "The Thanet South Labour Party received a donation from a local businessman, which was properly investigated, properly disclosed and properly registered with the Electoral Commission.

"Also, although it wasn't necessary to do so, just to be above board about it, Steve disclosed it in the MPs' register of interests."

Mr Wills said that a Chinese minister is due to visit Thanet to find out about the China Gateway proposals for Manston Business Park, which a "world-class" Chinese firm was also interested in. A planning application is due to be submitted to later this month.

According to his website, Mr Wills "started with nothing and has worked his way up to a business empire with a turnover of £20 million".

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## Jude set for Vicious part in punk film

SID Vicious is to return to the big screen in what has been billed as the "ultimate" Sex Pistols movie.

Jude Law is being touted as one of the actors in the frame for the role of the tragic bass player, who lived in Tunbridge Wells as a child.

The film, entitled *Who Killed Nancy?*, will be made by writer Alan Parker. Mr Parker has written three books about the Sex Pistols and is a friend of Sid Vicious' mother Anne Beverley.

As the title suggests, the film will deal with the controversy surrounding the death of Vicious' girlfriend Nancy Spungen, who he had apparently murdered in New York's famous Chelsea Hotel.

The pair had been heroin addicts and on October 12, 1978, Vicious woke up in a drug-fuelled haze to find his girlfriend dead on the bathroom floor of their hotel room from a single stab wound to the abdomen. He claimed he had no memory of what had happened.

### Murder

The punk icon was charged with her murder but died from a heroin overdose on February 2 the following year. He was 21.

It will not be the first time the saga has made it onto the big screen. In 1986, Gary Oldman starred as Vicious in *Sid and Nancy*, but the film has been criticised for containing factual inaccuracies.

Mr Parker said: "I have strong views on Sid and Nancy so I wanted to make the ultimate, last word movie. It will be 100 minutes of facts and at the end we're going to turn round and let the audience be the jury."

Starring as Sex Pistols frontman Johnny Rotten will reportedly be Nathan Morris, singer in tribute band The Sex Pistols Experience.

The part of Nancy Spungen has also reportedly been offered to Sophie Boyes, who tours with the tribute act.

Filming is due to begin later this month.

Vicious, whose real name was John Simon Ritchie, was born in London but moved to Tunbridge Wells as a child.

He attended Sandown Court School before moving to Hackney in London with his mother in 1971.

## Warning over online paedophiles

PARENTS are being advised to keep a close eye on their children's computer usage to guard against online paedophiles.

Kent Police has issued a warning to parents who may have bought computer equipment for their children for Christmas.

Youth crime reduction officer PC Martin Carter said

parents should take precautions when their children are online.

He said: "It's easy to think that just because your children are at home they're safe, but millions of people have access to the internet and can lie about their true identities.

"While most people are online for the same reasons –

to have fun and to learn – it is also important to safeguard against the minority of people who use it for dishonest means."

Police advise parents to make sure they know what children are doing online and who they are talking to, make sure they never give out personal details and never meet up with strangers.





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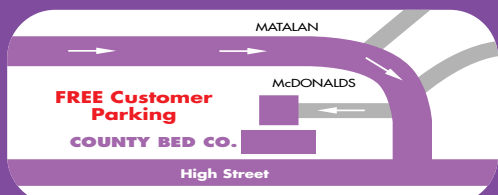
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# Rail travel too expensive

## MP says overpriced tickets will force commuters to drive

By **TONY PATEY**

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COMMUTERS struggling to afford this week's massive rail fare hikes will be forced off the tracks and back into their cars, said Tory shadow transport spokesman, Julian Brazier.

The Canterbury MP's comments came as the nation's rail consumer watchdog warned that some Kent rail users working in London will have to make personal sacrifices if their wage rises do not keep in step.

Mr Brazier said that the Government – which has pushed up its regulated fares for season tickets and standard day returns by an average three per cent above inflation – is effectively going against its public commitment to cut carbon emissions by forcing people on to the roads.

"This is going to make the fight against climate change more difficult as this Government effectively prices people off the railways and back into their cars," said Mr Brazier.

### Inflation

He said many passengers will feel "let down" by the Government because family budgets will have been squeezed year after year, following above-inflation rail fare hikes.

Mr Brazier underlined the fact that these increases will continue for some years – the Government is committed to putting up fares by three per cent above inflation each year until 2011.

Meantime, Tunde Olatunji, passenger link manager for Passenger Focus, the nation's independent rail consumer organisation, said: "There is concern about how some passengers will be able to afford these increases year on year.

"For some it may mean big personal sacrifices and ultimately poses the real risk that some passengers will be priced off the railways."

He said the Government needs to review its own policies which are allowing excessive increases above inflation – the average fare increases have been based on 3.8 per cent inflation, plus an additional 3 per cent for Government regulated fares such as season tickets and standard day returns.

Unregulated fares such as off peak fares and cheap day returns are increasing by inflation plus one per cent.

Passengers would tolerate rises around inflation, he said, but they would be asking why, on average, the Government should go for three per cent more, when



**IMPACT:** Julian Brazier says commuters will be forced to use their cars, which will have a negative impact on the county's environment

the train operator, unregulated, raised fares by only one per cent, and why they are above inflation anyway.

Mr Olatunji said that not everyone working in London was on massive City wages – "when they are not getting these rates of salary increases these fare rises are going to bite. It's a big problem."

He said passengers will begin to ask if they are getting full value for money.

"We survey passengers twice a year about their levels of satisfaction, and the level for Kent in the last published survey was very low – just 30 per cent of passengers felt they were getting value for money."

Mr Olatunji said trains were getting more reliable and punctual, but passengers were still concerned and dissatisfied about overcrowding, and issues such as station and train cleanliness, basic customer services and train information.

"There needs to be investment to increase overall capacity to reduce standing and overcrowding. However passengers will feel they are being asked to cough up in advance of the improvements that they would like to see."

He said there should be more transparency from the Department for Transport to show how and why fare increases should range so widely from different stations.

Mr Olatunji is also pushing for



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Southeastern to allow some commuters to pay for the more cost-effective annual season ticket – which costs the equivalent of 40 weeks for a whole year ticket – on a monthly basis by direct debit.

"I have asked them to seriously consider

making the purchase of best-value tickets, such as season tickets, more accessible to passengers who would otherwise struggle to afford them."

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## Our performance is at record levels, says firm

SOUTHEASTERN is one of three major rail franchises operated by Govia, the UK's busiest rail operator running 28.7 per cent of all rail journeys.

Govia is a joint venture between two big transport companies – the Go-Ahead Group which owns 65 per cent and French firm Keolis which owns the rest.

A Southeastern company spokesman said: "The company recognises that no one likes to pay more, and naturally fare increases are unpopular.

"But Government policy is to recoup more of the cost of the rail service from those who use it, rather than relying on the taxpayer to subsidise it.

"Since taking over the franchise in April 2006, a combination of investment and efficient working has seen continuing improvements on the 480-mile, 180-station network.

"The company is operating more services, performance is at record levels, many of our stations are looking lighter and brighter and we are on course to introduce high-speed services by December 2009."

He stressed that although the average increase was 6.8 per cent for regulated, and 4.8 per cent for unregulated fares, some fares will rise by less, others more and a few have gone down.

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## Drunken man stumbled past police to his car

A DRUNKEN pensioner has been banned from driving for 16 months after stumbling past police officers and slumping behind the wheel of his car while twice over the legal limit, **writes Simon Robinson.**

Arthur Bourne, 68, of Weald View, Cranbrook, was also given a £100 fine, ordered to pay £120 in costs and complete a drink-driving course after pleading guilty to driving while unfit at Maidstone Magistrates Court.

The court heard Bourne was arrested in Headcorn on Sunday, December 16, after coming to the attention of a team of police officers who were carrying out number plate checks.

The officers, wearing high-visibility jackets, were left stunned as the "clearly intoxicated" Bourne staggered past them before getting into his car and turning the ignition.

They managed to stop the elderly motorist before he pulled away and took him to Maidstone Police Station where he failed a breath test, recording a figure twice the legal limit.

## New rape charge for care worker

A MENTAL health care worker at St Martin's Hospital in Canterbury has been charged with a second rape.

The charge came after an alleged attack on a 39-year-old woman in Margate in the early hours of August 16.

John Mendy, 32, of Sandwich Road in Ramsgate, is currently remanded in custody after being charged with the rape and serious sexual assault of a woman in Canterbury on November 15.

He is due to appear at Canterbury Crown Court again on 21 January.

## Fined for false benefit claims

A BENEFIT fraudster has escaped with just a small fine after he claimed tax credits for two children while living alone.

Peter Dudley Clark, 49, from Bishops Oak Ride in Tunbridge, pleaded guilty to failing to notify the council after a change in circumstances.

Since September 2005, Clark claimed £4,366.85 in housing and council tax benefit that he was not entitled to.

He was fined £100 and ordered to pay £75 in court costs.

# Don't spiral into debt in the New Year

A Christmas credit hangover will hit a lot of Kent families soon when the bills start dropping on the doormat. KoS business editor **Tony Patey** gives some tips on how to cope when the debts begin to squeeze budgets

If you find your debts spinning out of control, don't panic. That won't help – and don't give your bank manager a hard time, because he or she could be a great help.

Mortgage repayments are becoming big headaches because many people are coming to the end of fixed rate time periods, and others have remortgaged on the back of rising house prices.

Talk to your mortgage provider as soon as you get worried and see what it can offer – don't wait until you start getting nasty letters. Getting in touch with the mortgage provider fast gives the greatest range of options if you are in difficulties.

### Shock

This may, or may not, include an "interest holiday" – just paying back the capital part of the repayment for a set period and then the interest backlog when you can – depending on the levels of arrears and your history with them. But an interest holiday is not guaranteed, and payback time can come as a shock.

The only real solutions are weathering the storm by cutting general spending each month, or trying to boost your income somehow.

Remember if your home is repossessed, you'll probably start renting – and for that you'll need to have enough ready money for at least a deposit and the first monthly payment.

Credit card worries have probably come from asking for higher and higher credit limits. So, stop using your credit cards – tough, but necessary.

Pay off at least the minimum amount asked on your credit card by the monthly payment dates – if you miss those you'll be clobbered for a lot extra. Pay off as much as you can on

cards costing the most on interest.

Don't be tempted to take out more loans – even packages where you're paying what look like low monthly repayments are very long term. You'll be paying them off for years and years.

You can ask your bank manager if you can have a higher overdraft for the odd times when you are really strapped for cash at the end of a month – but these are expensive, so not really recommended.

Many people are tempted to go for Individual



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Voluntary Arrangements (IVAs). They may not be as drastic as bankruptcy, but you'll find getting credit in future will be extremely hard. Only to be used as a last resort.

It might be worth checking your credit rating – ask your bank for details of the agencies it uses, there are three main ones – in case there are any rogue blemishes. I've heard tales of people getting a black mark against their name because they've forgotten they've stood guarantor for someone else and that person has defaulted without telling them.

## Insolvencies increase

THE average adult in Kent has a personal debt of around £30,000, excluding their mortgages.

The figure was revealed by the Consumer Credit Counselling Service, the UK's largest debt charity.

Spokesman James Ketchell said the average debt in the county was between £25,000 and £35,000.

He warned that bankruptcies and insolvencies were increasing as people fail to save for a rainy day, leaving them vulnerable in the face of unexpected events like redundancy or illness.

Around 130,000 people are expected to be declared bankrupt or insolvent across the UK in 2008.

Mr Ketchell said: "There is lots of borrowing going on in Kent and the South East. People might be fine now spending as they are, but what we find is people have been dealing with their commitments easily and then something happens. "It could be a separation or divorce, or an

illness or the loss of their job, and that's when they spiral downwards.

"There has been a cultural change in the way we use money, which has been about since the mid-90s when credit lending became more attractive. The focus moved from saving to borrowing."

He said a particularly worrying development was a rise in the number of people over the age of 55 being declared insolvent.

He added: "What we've seen is the proportion of people over 55 has increased over the last couple of years. More older people are taking on debt than ever before."

Mr Ketchell said the area in Kent with the highest average debt was the TN postcode area, where people have an average £30,000-£35,000 worth of debt.



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By **PHIL REILLY**

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A TRAVEL operator is continuing to send holidaymakers to Kenya despite the civil unrest that has gripped parts of the country.

Violence has broken out in parts of the East African nation with reports of genocide and inter-tribal killings sparked by a disputed general election result.

So far, more than 300 people have died in the bloodshed.

African Safari Club, a Bromley-based tour operator that has arranged holidays in Kenya for the last 40 years, currently has 700 holidaymakers staying at its resorts in the province of Mombasa.

### Monitoring

Jan Roe, the company's director of consumer affairs, said it was monitoring the situation closely and following advice from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the Federation of Tour Operators.

She said: "We have been waiting for confirmation from Monarch, which is the airline we use, that it will be continuing to fly to Mombasa, which it has told us it will."

"The safety of our customers is our top priority. The violence that has taken place in Mombasa is still quite a way away from where our resorts are."

"In the interests of customer safety, which is our top priority, we have the strictest security in place in our hotels. This has been stepped up."

"If we thought there was any risk to our customers' safety we would be pulling them out straight away. We are in constant contact with guys on the ground out there and they say it is calm and how it should be."

She said around 140 people were booked to

# Holidays to Kenya 'will continue'

## Firm 'monitoring situation closely' and following the Foreign Office's advice

travel on the weekly Monday flight and that the flights would go ahead barring any serious developments over the weekend.

The company was also busy on Friday arranging alternative travel and accommodation in Egypt for holidaymakers who did not wish to travel to Kenya.

The official Government advice on Friday was not to travel to Kenya unless it is essential.

A Foreign Office statement read: "There is uncertainty about the security and political situation in the country linked to the disputed presidential election result."

"On January 3 there were outbreaks of violence across Nairobi between groups of demonstrators and security forces."

"There have also been violent incidences in Mombasa, Eldoret and Kisumu." It said people in affected areas should remain indoors.

On Friday, the Foreign Office said the situation was calmer

although it remained volatile with reports of mass gatherings which had the potential for violence.

Many UK travel operators have cancelled trips to Kenya, although British Airways, Virgin Atlantic and Kenya Airways are continuing normal service to the country.

The Federation of Tour Operators said on Friday that members were suspending holidays to Kenya up to and including Monday due to the political unrest.

Kenya is usually regarded as one of the most settled and stable of African countries. It was a British colony between 1890 and 1963.

The trouble began after the opposition party accused President Mwai Kibaki of rigging the recent general election.

THE Bishop of Rochester has been named as the newest patron of the Kent People's Trust. Dr Michael Nazir-Ali will join police chief Michael Fuller and Lord Lieutenant Allan Willett.

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A LABOUR MP who went on holiday to Kenya with his wife has not been caught up in any of the violence, his spokeswoman has said.

Bob Marshall-Andrews MP went to the East African country with his wife Gill on December 27 to visit schools they support through a trust.

A spokeswoman for Mr Marshall-Andrews said on Friday: "He's absolutely fine. Bob was very anxious to put over that he loves Kenya a great deal and although the violence is awful where it is happening, it is in limited pockets."

The MP for Medway and his wife travelled by road from Nairobi to Lake Naivasha on Thursday. His spokeswoman said they had to pass through roadblocks on their journey.

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## As Kent officers receive MBEs for their work in jailing nine Pitcairners in 2004

# The dark history of Pitcairn

By **JAMIE MCGINNES**

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**SURROUNDED** by the deep blue waters of the Pacific Ocean and dotted with palm trees and spectacular cliffs, Pitcairn Island appears picture perfect.

The tiny British territory became famous through the romanticised story of Fletcher Christian and the other mutineers on the Bounty who settled there in 1790.

But this week, the world was reminded of the tiny British territory's recent, darker past.

The Kent police officers that led a probe into child sex abuse claims dating back to the 1960s were given MBEs in the New Year Honours List.

An investigation by Detective Chief Inspector Rob Vinson and former Kent Police detective Peter George resulted in nine Pitcairners being jailed in 2004.

They were given sentences of up to six years in connection with more than 100 offences.

### Heavy-handed

On the island, the 50 or so residents, most of whom are direct descendants of the Bounty mutineers, are still struggling to come to terms with the trials held there and in New Zealand three years ago. The three men still imprisoned in Pitcairn's six-cell jail – complete with two guards each – are a constant reminder of the trials.

Most islanders feel that they were treated in a heavy-handed way by the British authorities.

The sex abuse case was triggered after allegations were made to Kent police constable, Gail Cox, who was stationed temporarily on Pitcairn in 1999.

She uncovered evidence that underage rape and sexual assault had been an unspoken part of the island's culture for generations.

DCI Vinson, 40, from Broadstairs, said he was proud of his success in the Pitcairn case – despite the criticism it received at the time of the investigation.

In a report in June 2003, BBC journalist Michael Brooke, compared the huge cost of the investigation and resulting trials with that of Pitcairn's expenditure.

He said that the island cost about £250,000 a year to administer from a unit in New Zealand, which paid for transport and issuing postage stamps.



**ISOLATION:** Pitcairners use wooden boats to get on and off the remote island (top); police officers Peter George (left); and Rob Vinson (right)

"Compare this with the financial tap which gushes freely, courtesy of UK taxpayers, to fund this judicial process," he said.

"A Pitcairn logistics team, with swanky offices in Auckland and a chief residing in an Auckland hotel for two years, has built remand space on Pitcairn for six accused, plus accommodation for prosecution and defence lawyers.

"Investigating officers from the Kent constabulary have winged to and fro between England and New Zealand in business class seats."

He said the cost ran into millions of pounds.

At the same time, the island community desperately needed money to upgrade facilities.

"No wonder the community feels it is being punished for the alleged sins of the few," said Mr Brooke.

DCI Vinson said this week: "Many thought that I was living it up in paradise, having so much fun.

"But it was anything but. It was intense and exhausting work in great isolation in a place that could be volatile. This was my focus for more than six years. That commit-

ment was personally not easy.

"The real heroes were the victims who stood firm to tell their stories. This was the silent voice of Pitcairn finally heard and believed."

The officer, who is based at Margate police station, first visited Pitcairn in early 2000. What followed were trips thousands of miles away from the familiar confines of his role in the Kent force and his wife and three children.

To get to the island was difficult enough. Access was via a passing container ship and transfer by an unsteady rope ladder to the waiting wooden boat below.

A Kent Police spokeswoman said: "Once there, the island's beauty belied a challenging environment, not before widely revealed to the rest of the world. Unlawful and non-consensual sex was commonplace, an unspoken part of the culture for generations.

"The police investigation was seen by many as part of a wider British conspiracy to depopulate Pitcairn. The women themselves were blamed for speaking out."

More than 30 victims, both male

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# for child sex abuse, KoS reveals how the trials have split the remote community



**ISLAND SECRETS:** Pitcairn Island, a tiny dot in the Pacific Ocean, harboured a culture of abuse which was brought to light by Kent Police

and female, were interviewed on Pitcairn and in New Zealand, Australia, Norfolk Island, America and Britain. To add to the trauma, some were not only revisiting difficult times in their past, but had never shared their secrets with their families before.

The police spokeswoman added: "The relationships and allegations were often confused, ambiguous or incestuous, adding to the complexity of the case."

Kent Police's Peter George, who worked with DCI Vinson on the Pitcairn case, was also awarded an MBE in the New Year Honours List.

## Secured

The former detective inspector, who is now a civilian police worker, said: "Pitcairn became much more than just another job. It was a very difficult, but ultimately rewarding investigation."

"I would like to pay tribute to the victims in the case who stood firm and gave evidence without which we would not have secured nine

out of ten convictions."

Herbert Ford, director of the Pitcairn Islands Study Centre, in Angwin, California, last visited Pitcairn in September.

The Emeritus Professor of Journalism at Pacific Union College set up the centre in 1977 to combat "misinformation" about Pitcairn and says he is one of the few people to be trusted by islanders.

Mr Ford said most Pitcairners felt angry about the way the trials were conducted.

"It is the belief of more than three fourths of the Pitcairn people that the UK used a giant club to their head in the Pitcairn trials to handle a matter that if handled by the already existing - British-written - Pitcairn law would not have held all Pitcairners up to worldwide public hatred, ridicule and contempt," he told this newspaper.

One Pitcairner this week posted a sarcastic message on www.kentnews.co.uk responding to our news item about the

award of the two MBEs.

The islander, called Melva and now hailing from Anchorage, Alaska, said: "Join me in extending congratulations to the officers, whose legacy is a mangled community (yours could be next). Way to go, Vinson."

Kari Boye Young, from Adamstown, the capital of Pitcairn, wrote: "Brits are making sure the world will never doubt that your mission to destroy Pitcairn was unwarranted, there

are medals left, right and centre."

The community on the island has been split by the trials, Mr Ford suggested.

"About three families feel the Brits had/have a right to do whatever they want with Pitcairn - it is but a straw in the wind that can be blown by the UK in any direction it desires."

"The minority group is shunned in a number of ways by the majority, and of course, the minority group doesn't usually invite at least some of the majority to their doings."

## Paroled

Two of the Pitcairners jailed in 2004 have been released to be detained at home, one of which is due to be paroled completely, said Mr Ford. Six New Zealand corrections officers guard the three.

Weather permitting, the men are out most days working under guard, but when they return to jail they are kept secure by a 15ft high fence - even though there is little chance of escape from the island.

Mr Ford added: "There is also a Scottish police officer and a Pitcairn police officer on Pitcairn, making it one of the world's most heavily policed spots anywhere."

"And, of course, it is impossible to get off of Pitcairn by ship without everybody knowing about it."

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# Tower is 'eyesore'

STANDING taller than Big Ben, the iconic shimmering glass and steel tower would cast a long shadow over Gravesend town centre.

The 120-metre tall skyscraper is the centrepiece of an ambitious £130 million project to revamp the town's heritage quarter but, with

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plans expected to go before the local council's planners this month, it has proved highly controversial.

The 32-storey residential building, described by some as a "monstrous eyesore", is just one part of plans which would see St George's Shopping Centre expanded, a new

multi-storey car park, a new hotel, restaurants, shops and 600 apartments.

Among the chief critics of the project is Urban Gravesham, a civic society run by former Gravesham Borough Council cabinet member for regeneration Jonathan Clay.

A spokesman for the group warned that it will "destroy the very special character of Gravesend".

## Anonymous

He said: "We do not want to see the town centre turned into yet another anonymous shopping centre surrounded by high-rise development. Urban Gravesham thinks that the developers are simply too greedy and that the council has been too soft."

Kent on Sunday readers have also voiced their concerns about the development. Rob Heywood from Gravesend wrote to the paper saying he wanted to see the whole scheme abandoned.

He said: "Such a monstrous eyesore would be completely incongruous in a town like Gravesend which has been improved so much over the last few years."

Local Conservative MP Adam Holloway said he was "completely in favour" of regenerating the town centre but admitted he was "pretty horrified" when he saw plans for the tower.

He added: "I've been told that

the regeneration isn't possible without the tower.

"I know one of the things property developers do is put something in the plans wildly beyond what gets planning permission, and then they compromise so that we end up with a 20-storey tower instead of a 32-storey one. I don't know if it is a marketing strategy by the developer but we do desperately need this opportunity for the town."

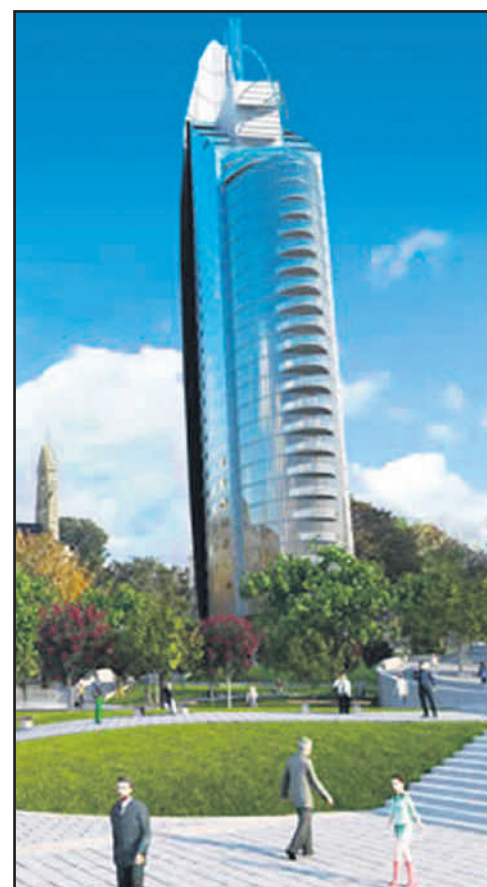
Council leader Michael Snelling said he thought the tower was "a stunning design" but insisted the decision will be made by the council's independent planning committee.

He added: "Nothing new is built without controversy. The planning committee could decide that it is not the way to do it and send the architects and developer back to the drawing boards."

A spokesman for developer Edinburgh House Estates said that its proposals had met with a mixed reaction from the public but that it had been encouraged by the response.

He said: "A survey conducted during the public exhibition, attended by over 600 people, revealed that over 90 per cent of respondents are in favour of regeneration."

"We would urge the public to embrace this vision for the regeneration of Gravesend and consider the overall benefits associated with these plans. Naturally, the proposed iconic tower has proved a talking point, but that should



**SKYSCRAPER: 32-storey residential building**

not detract from the overall benefits offered by the entire scheme and this landmark building."

A similar scheme that would see a 70-metre tall iconic tower built overlooking Dover seafront and again coupled with new homes, shops and a hotel was also proposed last year. The plans have so far remained on the drawing board while the council hopes to bring in developers to foot much of the multi-million pound bill.

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# Poet, teacher and historian get gongs in New Year list

MORE than 40 people from across the county have been named in the 2008 New Year Honours List.

Among those due to receive the prestigious awards are Swanley poet Valerie Bloom, who is to be made a Member of the British Empire (MBE) and Maidstone fashion designer Karen Millen, who is to become an Officer of the British Empire (OBE).

The highest honour for anyone in Kent will be given to Tonbridge resident Philip Wynn Owen, the director general of strategy and pensions for the Department for Work and Pensions, who is to be awarded the Companion Order of the Bath (CB).

Kent County Council's head of children's services Graham Badman, will be made a Commander of the British Empire (CBE).

A number of educators are also to receive awards, including former Canterbury High

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School headteacher Keith Hargrave (CBE), Stella Mbubaegbu (CBE) from Orpington who is principal and chief executive of Highbury College in Portsmouth, and David Butler (OBE) from Sevenoaks, who is chief executive of the National Federation of Parent Teacher Associations.

Jenny Uglow, a biographer and historian from the Canterbury area is to receive an OBE and concert pianist and founder of Finchcocks Museum of Early Music in Goudhurst, Richard Burnett, is to receive an MBE.



**RECOMMENDATIONS:**  
This is PM Gordon Brown's first New Year Honours List

## Scrap plans for fuel duty rise, says FTA

TUNBRIDGE WELLS-based Freight Transport Association says the arrival of the \$100 barrel of oil signals yet another reason why the Government must abandon its plan to increase fuel duty by 2p per litre from April 1.

At-the-pump fuel rises are already hitting local motorists and road hauliers, and the latest oil prices could spell even more bad news in future.

FTA, which represents operators of more than 220,000 lorries – half the national fleet – says the April increase should be scrapped, the 2p per litre duty increase of last October should be reversed and a new system of fuel duty should be introduced which de-couples the way in which fuel is taxed on commercial vehicles from private cars.

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- Phillip Wynn Owen (Tonbridge), director general of strategy and pensions for the Department for Work and Pensions.

### COMMANDER OF THE ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE (CBE)

- Graham Michael Badman (Faversham), services to local government.
- Keith Hargrave (Deal), services to education.
- Stella Mbubaegbu (Orpington), services to further education.

### OFFICER OF THE ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE (OBE)

- David William Butler (Sevenoaks), services to the community and to education.
- Elizabeth Howe (West Malling), Crown Prosecution Service in Kent.
- Karen Millen (Maidstone), services to the retail industry.
- Barbara Elizabeth Riddell (Edenbridge), services to the Fire and Rescue Service.
- Dr Richard Harry Brooke Sturt (Deal), services to the water industry.
- Barbara Thorndick (West Kent Housing Association), services to social housing.
- Andrew Stuart Trotter (Tonbridge), services to the police.
- Jennifer Sheila Uglow (Canterbury), services to literature and to publishing.

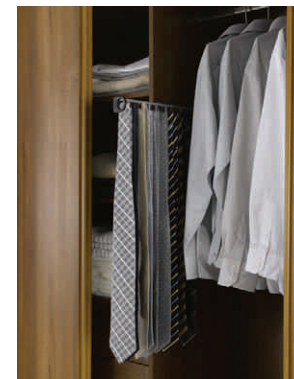
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- Kathleen Allen (Bromley), services to the community.
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- Jacqueline Best (Swanley), administrative officer at the Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform.
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# 'The grief is still there, every day'



MURDERED: Vera and Terry

A RELATIVE of tragic couple Terry and Vera Martin – murdered in their home two years ago – has spoken of how he is still consumed by grief, *writes Nick Ames.*

Chris Fright, 83, from Thanet, was one of the last people to see the pair alive and phoned them repeatedly as they lay dead in their lounge for four days in January 2006.

The husband and wife – married for 40 years – had been beaten, stabbed, kicked, punched and stamped on after disturbing burglar Brett Clifton, who was on bail for robbery at the time of the attack.

The pensioners had found Clifton

## Two years on and cousin still mourns double killing

in their home in Abbey Street, Faversham, and put up a struggle.

He attacked them before using their car as a getaway vehicle. Clifton, 22, was jailed for life for the double murder.

### Wonderful

Even after two years Mr Fright says he has not come to terms with their horrific deaths.

He said: "Vera was my cousin and we were very close. She had no

children, just me and my brother, who is now paralysed.

"Terry and Vera married quite late in life, but they were a wonderful couple. Every day they used to go shopping together – that is what they enjoyed. They never did anyone any harm in their lives.

"When they got married they celebrated by buying fish and chips – I'll always remember that."

Mr Fright added: "The day before they were killed – which was a

Saturday – we had been out together in the car which that man used to get away from their home. My last words to her were 'alright Vera – call you on Monday', which is what I always did.

"I tried calling all day Monday and all day Tuesday, but there was no reply. I kept feeling something was wrong, then I heard on the radio about a murder in Abbey Street, Faversham.

"Straight away I was on to the police and then I was told. I felt absolutely terrible. I could not believe a lovely couple who lived for each other could have such an awful end to their lives.

"Two years on the grief is still there, each and every day. I don't think it will ever go away."

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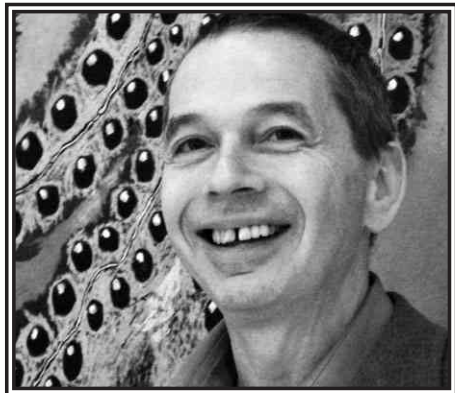
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# Why we must accept threat of terrorism



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A LEADING academic has claimed that people have to stop living in fear of terrorism and accept it as "a normal part of their lives".

That is what University of Kent sociologist Professor Frank Furedi will tell a leading European foreign policy think tank when he speaks at Chatham House in London on Thursday.

Speaking to Kent on Sunday, Prof Furedi called on politicians and the public to change the way they react to the threat of terrorism.

He said he wants to see an end to the attitude that terrorism is beyond comprehension and there is nothing people can do about it.

He said: "What happens is instead of getting society to learn how to manage the danger we become more sensitive to it than we were beforehand. Government decisions assume people will panic and retreat. Communities are relatively able to handle these things."

"Terrorism is not as great a threat to our own way of life as we perceive it to be."

"The Government needs to tell people we have to limit it and treat it as a normal part of our lives."

## Radicalised

Prof Furedi said British society needs to have "an open, chilled-out discussion" about the real threat of terrorism, and particularly the homegrown variety.

He continued: "The Prime Minister, and the previous one, talked about a battle of ideas. There's no battle of ideas going on."

"There needs to be a more grown-up discussion about why we have substantial groups of young people being radicalised."



**OUTSPOKEN:** Prof Furedi (above) says we must rethink how terrorism affects us

He believes the debate should not be about what the Muslim community should or should not be doing, but rather how British society presents itself to them.

He said: "People who are modernised and westernised often react against what they see as the downside of our society and become radicalised. British society has the intellectual and moral ability to draw these people in."

Prof Furedi hit out against legislation passed in the wake of terrorist atrocities, claiming "free speech has become easily negotiable".

He added: "There are laws against inciting religious hatred and glorifying terrorism. These are laws that punish people for speech, and more than anything else a liberal democratic society shouldn't have that. More than that, they are about impression management – being seen to do something."

Prof Furedi has written a book on the subject entitled *Invitation to Terror: The Expanding Empire of the Unknown*. It is available from all good book shops.

## Toddler dies in tragic accident

A FOUR-YEAR-OLD girl was found hanged following a tragic accident.

Paige Brown had tied her hairband to a hammock in her room at her family's home in Hawkinge and is thought to have died after trying to swing from it.

Her father Phil first knew something was wrong when she did not respond to calls to come downstairs for her lunch on New Year's Day.

"I called her and she didn't answer, then I called her again," he told BBC South East.

"I think I knew there was a problem then. I legged it up the stairs and that's where I found her – just hung there."

Resuscitation attempts by the family and paramedics failed and she was pronounced dead on arrival at the William Harvey Hospital in Ashford.

Her mother Lorraine Ford said: "You couldn't want for a happier child. I was saying before Christmas there is nothing else I want – now our perfect life is destroyed."

Paige's parents also have a two-year-old son.

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While many of us may be thinking about getting more exercise after the Christmas period, Kent school children are already leading the way and helping the environment at the same time too.

That's because three schemes to help children walk to school are enjoying enormous success and popularity. Last year saw an increase in walking to school at Kent primary schools for the first time in over 30 years, and we hope this year will also be record breaking.

On average, one in five of the cars on Kent's roads at peak times are taking part in the school-run. Kent Highway Services is committed to reducing congestion in our town centres, so we're looking to the next generation of potential car drivers to try and change the way they get around.

You may already have heard of the Walking Bus scheme, but there are now three walk to school initiatives operating in Kent that have been developed in a partnership between Kent County Council, Medway Council and the Kent and Medway Walking Bus Group Charity.

The Green Footsteps Challenge encourages primary school children to take part in 12 weeks of activities that are linked to walking to school.



It incorporates learning about Kent and is a great way for pupils to start walking.

Walk on Wednesday encourages whole school participation on one day each week and it helps introduce the walk to school habit in a manageable way.

Finally, there's the original Walking Buses that continue to go from strength to strength. Volunteer helpers take an organised walk to school and it's estimated that Walking Buses have taken 100,000 school run car journeys off Kent's streets in the last 12 months.

You can find out more about schemes operating in your area on the dedicated website: [www.kentwalkingbus.org](http://www.kentwalkingbus.org)



At Kent Highway Services we take road safety very seriously and we're proud to be working along side Kent Police on the national Speed Awareness Scheme.

Drivers caught for certain speeding offences, are offered the opportunity to attend an education course rather than be prosecuted with a £60 fine and three points on their licence. The scheme has just completed its first year of operation and we've provided over 4,000 drivers with a course, which equates to around 35% of all drivers in Kent who are offered the opportunity.

We know that speed is the major factor in determining the seriousness of any crash, and many drivers referred to our course have been caught speeding due to carelessness, inattention or inability to identify the speed limit for the area they have been driving in. That's why the scheme aims to remind drivers of their individual responsibility and help them recognise the speed limits that they're travelling in.

The six-hour course combines classroom-based discussion with in-car practical driver assessment, and one of our key objectives is to help drivers avoid making the same speeding mistake again.

The course has already proved valuable and we believe that changing driver behaviour will go a long way to making our roads safer for everyone.

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### Shh! Quiet surfacing comes to Kent

Road noise is a fact of life and for most of us it's not a big problem. However, there are some residential locations in Kent where fast-moving traffic does cause a real noise nuisance.

That's why Kent Highway Services has just completed a trial with a new quiet surfacing material. The location for the trial was on the A26 approaching Tonbridge. We selected this site because the noise reduction benefits of this new material are most beneficial in high-density residential areas where passing traffic is moving in excess of 40mph.

We carried out noise level tests before and after laying the new surface, and there was a noise reduction of 6 dB – that's the same as reducing the traffic flow by 75%!

More importantly, the residents living in the test area were all asked about what they thought of the new surfacing and we had a very positive response. The majority of residents surveyed were very satisfied with the overall reduction in noise.



The one drawback with this new surfacing is the cost. It is considerably more expensive than the material that we currently use because it is laid in a thin layer, which means that it needs a supporting layer of material underneath.

However, we believe that this new surfacing is important technology for us to have. It means that when a residential area is suffering from severe noise intrusion, and it meets the criteria for new surfacing, we have an option available to improve people's lives.

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### Travel Update

Below are roadworks and events that may cause some disruptions. Please remember that these are planned works and other emergency works may be required.



#### Maidstone

Start	Finish	Road	Reason
7/1/08	7/1/08	A229 Linton Road, Loose	Temporary traffic lights – drainage works

#### Thanet

Start	Finish	Road	Reason
7/1/08	11/1/08	Queens Street, Ramsgate	Temporary traffic lights – new gas mains

#### Ashford

Start	Finish	Road	Reason
7/1/08	18/1/08	A2070 Kennington Road, Ashford	Temporary traffic lights – new footpath and cycleway

#### Canterbury

Start	Finish	Road	Reason
7/1/08	25/1/08	Faussett Hill, Hardres	Temporary traffic lights – resurfacing works

#### Sevenoaks

Start	Finish	Road	Reason
8/1/08	16/1/08	High Street, Brasted	Temporary traffic lights – new water mains

#### Gravesend

Start	Finish	Road	Reason
11/1/08	22/2/08	A2 Pepperhill	Road closure – road widening

For details of other roadworks in Kent please visit [www.kent.gov.uk/travel](http://www.kent.gov.uk/travel)

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By **PHIL REILLY**

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BBC Radio Kent has reshuffled its presenting pack, but insisted a lack of new names is not down to budget cuts.

Station stalwart Pat Marsh is to move into the afternoon slot vacated by popular former host Julie Maddocks in October after the BBC refused to renew her contract.

Drive time presenter Dominic King will be switching to a new flagship mid-morning show from 10am-1pm.

There are no new presenters, but Sunday Gardening Programme host Andy Garland will be taking Mr King's drive time slot from 4-7pm.

BBC spokeswoman Helen Burt said the lack of new presenters was not because of budget cutbacks.

She said: "We are working within our budgetary confines, but I wouldn't say the reason there's no new presenters is because of the budget. We are using the talent we have on board at the moment."

"We've moved Pat to the afternoon slot. I think Julie Maddocks' listeners may already be fans of Pat anyway. The listeners let us know that Julie will be missed, but she has moved on to other things now."

Beeb bosses ordered an efficiency drive that was to see 1,800 jobs cut across the corporation late last year.

The announcement followed a Government settlement for the BBC that was significantly less than hoped.

Dominic King, a Kent mainstay (pictured right), said he was excited at the chance to develop a new show for the station. He said: "Obviously

# BBC sticks to its old favourites

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all the nuts and bolts of a traditional radio programme will be there, but we will be aware of life outside the radio station, what is going on today, what are the issues that could impact upon our listeners.

"If it is happening in the county BBC Radio Kent Listeners will know about it. And the benefit for me is that I get to talk about the place I love the most."

Paul Leaper, the station's managing editor, added: "Dominic's creativity and flair has worked brilliantly on creating the drive time show for-

mat, which is why we wanted to give him the opportunity to develop this new programme.

"Afternoons remain incredibly important too which is why Pat and Laura are moving there to give listeners the chance to stay tuned across the day. With Andy bringing the day to a close we are confident listeners will be listening longer to BBC Radio Kent in 2008."

The new line up starts on Monday. Radio Kent became one of the BBC's top three most-listened to local stations in England in 2007.

## An in-tents way of living

A SCOUT raised nearly £2,500 for Demelza House Children's Hospice by sleeping in a tent for a year.

Stephen Young, 16, lived in a tent in the garden of his parents' home in Borough Green.

He studied for his GCSEs dur-

ing the year and at times endured sub-zero temperatures.

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# Lure of the Big Smoke

SEVENTEEN Kent Police officers left the force to join the Met last year, new figures show.

The force has had problems in the past holding onto officers because of the temptation of better pay in London.

But the number transferring from Kent to the Metropolitan Police fell from 21 in 2006 to 17 in the last 12 months, figures given to KoS show. The total number of officers leaving Kent Police for other forces was down from 71 to 35 last year.

Assistant Chief Constable Dave Ainsworth, of Kent Police, said: "This is a challenging issue for us. We are constantly looking at our pay and conditions for all employees."

He added: "We have significant

borders to police as the gateway to Europe and so many diverse communities. There are a lot of opportunities that are very rewarding."

Ann Barnes, chairman of Kent Police Authority, said: "To have less than 20 leave the force during this last year is encouraging. A number of South East forces are experiencing losses far greater than this."

"However, retaining officers is crucial as we lose valuable skills, experience and incur costs. As Kent is so close to London it's inevitable that some officers may want to move to a force nearby as part of their career development."

Mrs Barnes said that one in 10 officers who transferred during the last four years have come back.

# Parade boost for our troops

## Lord Lieutenant's campaign gets political backing



DELIGHTED: The Queen's representative, Allan Willett

By **PHIL REILLY**

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LEADERS from councils across the county have pledged their support for the Armed Forces after a plea from the Lord Lieutenant of Kent.

Allan Willett wrote to council leaders last month urging them to back his campaign to demonstrate support for the men and women of the Armed Services.

In the letters, the Lord Lieutenant said that such support was not about politics or whether people backed military actions. He said: "It is about fellow feeling for those who are risking their lives in our name and for their families and loved ones left behind in our care here in Kent."

The county's senior politicians have been enthusiastic in their responses, not least Kent County Council leader Paul Carter who pledged his wholehearted support for the campaign.

Cllr Carter said that in addition to its regular receptions for returning Territorial Army troops, KCC would assist districts with permanent Army detachments – Canterbury, Maidstone and Shepway – with funding for

a homecoming parade and reception.

He added: "I feel sure that a joint acknowledgement from the public authorities of Kent will be much appreciated by troops returning from difficult tours overseas, and their families."

Motions to support the campaign were also voted for by Medway, Canterbury, Dover, Gravesham, Tonbridge and Malling and Tunbridge Wells councils.

It also received verbal backing from the leaders of Ashford, Dartford, Maidstone, Shepway, Swale and Thanet councils.

Jeremy Kite, leader of Dartford Borough Council, said: "Our homecoming troops have undertaken their responsibilities in the most difficult of circumstances and under the most intense pressure. It is a task that few would willingly carry out and that many do not necessarily appreciate."

"I know that we can never adequately repay them. It is crucial that we support the troops who serve on our behalf but it's just as important that we are openly supportive of them and their families."

### Important

"Our Armed Forces are the most professional in the world and we should never forget how important they are to us."

Reacting to the support, the Lord Lieutenant said: "I am delighted at this magnificent response which is exactly what you would expect from the elected representatives in our frontline county."

"Their support will be a great boost to the morale of our Kent-based service personnel and their families – especially those who have just spent Christmas here alone."

In December, Mr Willett called for celebrations across the county to mark the 100th anniversary of the Territorial Army. The highlight will be a parade and thanksgiving service at Canterbury Cathedral on September 6 for all current units and veterans.

Other events will take place at Chatham Historic Dockyard, Penshurst Place, Maidstone and Dover.

MOTHER-of-three Charlene Henry has died after a house fire in Edenbridge.

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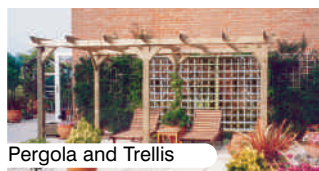


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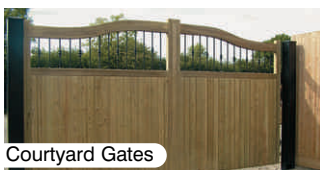


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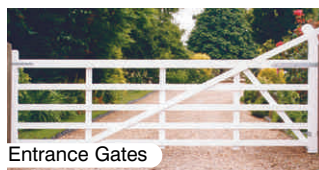


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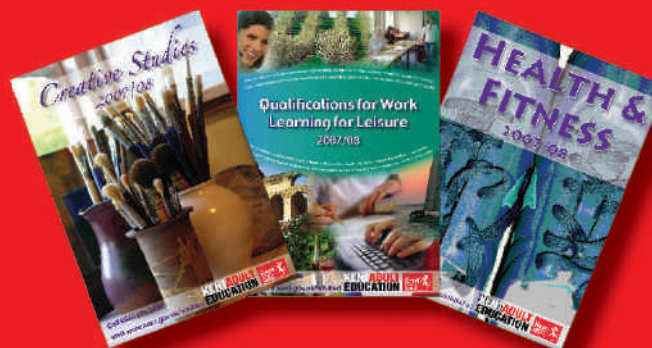
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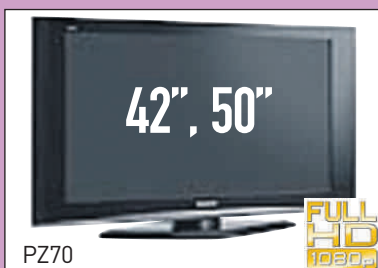
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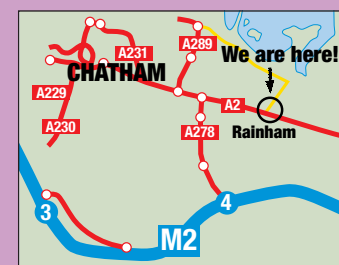
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# Put bins out at the right time... or else

By **GARETH ARNOLD**

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**COUNCIL** chiefs in Swale want to issue £110 fines to people who put rubbish bins out in the wrong place or time.

The strict new measures are being considered to stop pavements being blocked by wheelie bins left out for hours or even days.

Environmental services bosses have asked councillors to look at enforcing existing rules to target the owners of both-ersome bins.

The council says it has identified a number of bad bin hotspots around Swale where householders habitually leave their wheelie bins in the way, blocking the pavement for hours at a time.

A report from the head of amenities and development says councillors should enforce the law against "persistent offenders who cause problems for the community by leaving waste receptacles out unnecessarily early, in the wrong location, or leaving bins out some time after collection".

By law, people deemed to be causing nuisance through their behaviour can be fined up to £110, reduced to £80 if paid within seven days.

Environment councillor John Disney said the fines would only be used as a last resort, following letters and visits by council officers.

At a meeting last month other members expressed concerns about the proposals, asking how many warnings people would get before landing a fine and whether fines were really necessary.

But Cllr Disney said although the majority of residents followed the rules, a few persistently caused problems.

At present, the only action the council takes against problem bin owners is sending letters warning them about their behaviour. It also has the option of confiscating bins from the whole street, but has so far refrained from taking such an extreme course of action.

Council officers say the fines would give them a last resort – which might keep persistent offenders in line.

## Warnings

The proposal is currently being considered by the environment and sustainability scrutiny panel, which will also decide how many warnings should be issued prior to a fine.

The report will come back before the council executive in the next few weeks.

The Local Government Association, which represents local authorities across the UK, backed Swale's move.

Cllr Paul Bettison, chairman of the LGA's environment board, said: "Councils are on the frontline in the fight against climate change and working hard to reduce the amount of rubbish sent to landfill."

"The amount of waste generated is increasing year on year. Unless bold reforms are made recycling rates will not rise fast enough to meet the EU Landfill Directive, councils will be fined and taxpayers will be hit in the pocket."

But resident Chris Carlton of Sheerness wrote on our KOS Media website, yourswale.co.uk: "As usual, Swale officers and members are losing touch with reality and taking a heavy-handed approach."

"Yes, bins may be left outside for hours, but many of us have to put in a full day's work, outside the borough, and necessarily have to leave the bin out the night before and don't get a chance to put the bin back until we return home, often late, in the evening."

"Swale officers and members really need to get a life and focus on what people really want."

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## Family's tribute to knife death nan

THE family of a woman who was stabbed to death on Christmas Day has paid tribute to a "much-loved mother, nan, sister and friend".

Valerie Twyman, 62, died at her home in Conyngham Close, Ramsgate. She had stab wounds in the chest and abdomen.

In a statement released through police, her family said: "Valerie Twyman was a much-loved mother, nan, sister and friend who lived life to the full.

"She was a very happy, sprightly lady who loved life. She will be greatly missed by all those who knew her.

"The family are deeply hurt and would appreciate being allowed to grieve for their loss in private."

Shocked mourners left wreaths of flowers outside her home.

One said: "You always brightened up a room with your laugh smile. RIP. We will miss you."

Mrs Twyman's grandson Maxwell Twyman, 24, and also of Conyngham Close, has been



**CARING:** Valerie Twyman, 62, was killed on Christmas day

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He is due to next appear at Maidstone Crown Court on Friday, January 11.

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# Step inside the dream factory

## HUW POWELL meets the team behind the scenes at top West End shows

DESPITE its rough and ready setting behind Rochester Airport, Clearwater Scenery really can be described as a 'factory of dreams'.

While helicopters clatter overhead and long-distance lorries rumble in and out of the business complex, the company has built some of the most colourful and stimulating stage shows of the 21st century.

During an afternoon break at the company's 10,000 sq ft workshop and warehouse, Frank Schurings, the director, struggles to remember the productions. As he starts to organise names and dates he reels off a jaw dropping variety of shows that Clearwater have been involved with since they first set up shop in 1999.

These shows have entertained millions and collected numerous awards along the way. It is a journey through contemporary theatreland.

From 2000 to 2007, Clearwater worked for the Royal Shakespeare Company and the Royal National Theatre and on productions including Ben Elton's Queen tribute musical We Will Rock You, A Street Car Named Desire, starring Glenn Close and directed by Trevor Nunn, the film version of Phantom, Billy Elliot at The Victoria Palace, Mary Poppins at the Prince Edward Theatre, Joseph and his Amazing Multicoloured Dreamcoat and Grease at the Piccadilly.

### Skilled

These are some of the productions that Frank, 57, recalls easily, but as the Clearwater story unfolds, names crop up that really demand attention.

The Rolling Stones, Elton John and Sting have all been clients for Frank and his skilled team. Plays, theatres and stars scatter the conversation as the Clearwater designers sit munching buns and drinking tea.

Started from scratch in 1999, Clearwater Scenery was the result of a clear and firm belief. Frank, along with co-partner Richard Mills, felt sure they could provide a better serv-



**CREATIVE:** Scenic artist Bettina Fernandez puts the finishing touches to a part of a set for a National Ballet production of Sleeping Beauty

ice to the theatre industry.

Frank started in the world of theatre almost by accident. After leaving school he was interviewed for an apprenticeship by British Aerospace, but the reply took so long he had already found another job with a west London engineering firm that specialised in stage 'revolves'.

Turning down the British Aerospace apprenticeship proved an easy choice, as he was already hooked by the lure of the theatre.

"I was caught up in the ethos and loved the diversity of the skills needed," he said.

Senior engineer Mark Telling, 46, who joined the firm six years ago, expanded on the theme: "Once you have been involved in stage-building work you can never go back to making widgets in a factory. It is just so exciting seeing people enjoying what you have created".

The diverse skills needed to construct the fantasy world of a modern theatre stage are creative and practical. Building the basic structure using wood, steel, plastic and fabrics, Clearwater also creates the

fantastic stage animation techniques demanded by designers, each eager to add new theatrical twists to their particular vision.

Complicated lighting, hydraulic and pneumatic systems create scenery changes that are now a common part of modern shows. Great visual illusion is everything in magical productions such as Mary Poppins or Grease. This is all operated through computers, using an array of cutting-edge technology.

Clearwater's objective is to bring the designers' unique idea to life and make it work. Each production is a one-off set created from scratch and is often still being developed during the rehearsal period.

It has had to alter sets right up to the last moment and the company's biggest challenge is to meet the deadline to for the grand opening. There are no excuses if the theatre doors are not opened on the first night of a production.

Although Frank and the team had planned to base the company in west London, Kent soon became their preferred choice.

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**STAGE MODEL:** Clearwater Scenery creator Frank Schurings (centre) with senior engineer Mark Telling (left) and Mike Ranson, who has been with Frank since the beginning, with one of the company's designs

Pictures: HUW POWELL

out west, but London prices were astronomical. Then we realised that in Kent there were also good transport links to central London and a pool of skilled people that had been involved in the Navy dockyard."

It was enough to convince them Kent was the place to establish the company.

Mike Ranson, after "dropping out" of college in 1982, became Frank's apprentice from the very beginning. He describes himself as "a spotty oik" before he came under Frank's wing.

The 44-year-old said: "I was Frank's boy and he taught me everything I know from the shop floor up, that's the best place to learn."

The three agree that it is getting harder to recruit staff.

Mike said: "People don't do apprenticeships anymore, so they don't get the basic skills in place."

Frank added: "By the time you're good

enough to call yourself skilled in this industry, you're good for nothing else."

Luckily they have had no disasters during the live shows, but they have come perilously close.

The set of Peter Pan self-destructed as three beds designed to fold away "just imploded on themselves during rehearsals".

### Elevated

Then there was the time Elton John went through the stage floor as he jumped from one piano-playing area to another. On a Rolling Stones tour they were asked to build a huge lifting stage, which elevated the entire band above the audience.

Sir Mick Jagger, afraid of heights, took one look and said "not bloody likely" and refused to get on it. The show was rearranged, with Jagger keeping his feet firmly on the ground.

From the shop floor behind the design office, construction noise restarts after the afternoon tea break.

A busy forklift truck roars into action as Lee, a specialist driver, delicately shifts scenery for a National Ballet production of Sleeping Beauty.

Three scenic artists are painting the backdrops as fast as the paint can dry. The sound of sheet steel being cut and crackle of welders as Shakespeare's 'Much Ado About Nothing' is prepared for the Royal National Theatre fills the cavernous workshop.

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Firefighters used a ladder to rescue a man from a first-floor window.

They entered the building wearing face-masks to rescue a second man from inside.

Both men were then taken to hospital for treatment.

Dickie Baugh, spokesman for the Kent Fire and Rescue Service, said: "Despite arduous conditions the firefighters worked well in rescuing the trapped persons and bringing the fire under control."

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# 'The Lion of Kent'

**Cricketer Alfred Mynn lived on a diet of beef and beer, was put in jail and became the most famous sportsman of his generation**

By **PHIL REILLY**

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LONG before Freddie Flintoff, Ian Botham and even WG Grace, a giant Kent cricketer was the most feared and revered sportsman of his day.

Alfred Mynn was the most popular and famous cricketer in the land in the first half of the 19th century and his performances and reputation played a big part in popularising the sport.

More than six-foot tall and weighing in at 24-stone, Mynn was a larger-than-life figure who gained the nickname 'the Lion of Kent' and reputedly lived on a diet of beef and beer.

He took more than 1,000 known wickets at an average of little over 10 runs each at a time when cricket pitches were far from the manicured lawns of the modern era.

He was also an able batsman who established a reputation as a great all-rounder.

## Extreme

Mynn was from farming stock, although it is not known if he ever worked as a farmer, and as an amateur cricketer with no known income he found himself bankrupt a number of times and, on one occasion, in debtor's prison.

He has recently been named the fifth greatest British sportsperson of all time by writer Jon Henderson, who compiled a top 100 for his book Best of British Hendo's Sporting Heroes.

Born in Goudhurst in 1807, he played for Kent between 1834 and 1859, and also had stints at Sussex, Hampshire and Suffolk.

Upon his death in 1961, William Prowse



**BIG NEWS: Alfred Mynn took more than 1,000 wickets during his cricket career**

wrote a poem in his honour.

It ended: "Proudly, sadly will we name him to forget him were a sin. Lightly lie the turf upon thee, kind and manly Alfred Mynn!"

Mr Henderson described Mynn as "the Falstaffian frontiersman of cricket".

He added: "He was the Lion of Kent, a hop farmer and man of extreme size whose boots, it was said, were too big for all but WG Grace to fill."

Kent cricket historian Derek Carlaw described him as "the Freddie Flintoff of his day".

He said: "He was the most famous cricketer of his day. He was a fast bowler and a big man and he just caught the public's imagination."

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## Coastal home prices will see benefit of high-speed rail link

THERE is much gloom about in the housing market at the moment, however new research from Halifax Estate Agents has said that parts of Medway and east Kent will become property hotspots when high-speed commuter services begin late next year.

It is thought the county is likely to outperform the average house price growth in the South East due to infrastructure improvements.

The Citywire website reported: "Seaside towns in the county are also relatively affordable, which will tend to stimulate demand from the growing number of people looking to live near the coast."

Colin Kemp, managing director of Halifax Estate Agents, said that despite the "subdued outlook" across the housing market, some areas would continue to be in high demand and would see property prices rising accordingly.

He said: "Those areas that are likely to record the biggest price gains will tend to be those with a combination of good transport links to a major conurbation and relatively low average prices."

A number of areas will see a boost to prices as a result of significant infrastructure projects.

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**BLACK**, beautiful, curvy, single mum, 31, enjoys outdoors, cooking, home-life, cosy nights in, eating out, cinema looking for tall, sincere gentleman for friendship/relationship. Box 432283

**AFRICAN** lady, 33, brown eyes, likes socialising, music, pubs, cinema, seeks male for friendship and more. Box 413128

**MUM** of 1, I'm 5ft4, blonde hair, slim, young looking, 34yrs old. I'm caring, honest, with a GSOH. I like keep-fit, cinema, dancing, days out. Box 431559 **P**

**OUTGOING**, funny, young-looking female, 34, 5ft3, brown hair/eyes, East Peckham, nr Tonbridge. Seeks caring, loyal male for friendship leading to more. Box 433107 **P**

**SINCERE** female, 35, 5ft3, brunette, likes the gym, staying in, seeks mixed race, tall male for friendship and more. Box 433256

**SINGLE** parent of 4 kids, 35, 5ft6 and long hair with blue eyes, looking for friendly guy for friendship and maybe more. Box 900447

**INDEPENDENT**, professional female, 35, 5'7", fit, GSOH, enjoy travelling, cinema, looking for a like-minded, honest and loyal male to share life with. Box 901771 **P**

**ACTIVE**, affectionate female, 35, 5ft3, blonde, blue eyes, likes cinema, walking, cycling, swimming, watching wrestling, WLTm tall, dark & handsome bloke. Box 430932

**LOVING** female, 36, 5ft4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666

**SINGLE** 36yr old female, like most things in life, very loving and caring, 5'5", cuddly build, good personality, seeking a gentle, considerate man. Box 431286

**ATTRACTIVE**, trendy, outgoing, warm female, 30, dark brown eyes are a big feature, curvy but slim, like country pubs etc. WLTm spontaneous male for LTR. Box 403299 **P**

**KENT** female, 39, 5'7", dark eyes, GSOH, no ties, likes cosy nights in, socialising, country pubs, cinema, seeks loyal, caring male, for friendship & more. Box 152862

**KIND**, caring, spiritual lady, 39, 5'4", average build, hazel puppy-dog eyes, brown hair, looking for genuine, honest guy, non-smoker, friendship first. Box 899694 **P**

**39YR** old single mum, own house, 5'7", brown hair, seeking kind-hearted man for companionship. Box 433637

**DECENT** 36yr old female, medium build, fair hair, 5'6", likes cinema, eating, having fun, seeks like-minded male, 36-40, for friendship first. Box 739664

**DIVORCED**, affectionate lady, 40, large build, 5'6", love staying in, cinema, looking for a thoughtful male to share good things in life, leading to LTR. Box 430332

**I'M** Caroline, 42, single mum, likes having fun, eating out, wine bars, swimming, looking for someone for something meaningful. Box 430952

**HARD-WORKING** female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 414156

**KIND** woman, 42, outgoing, happy-go-lucky, sometimes shy, I like gardening, socialising, travel, walks. Looking for happy, fun fella. Aylesford. Box 428464

**DEAL-BASED** lady, 43, divorced, brunette, green eyes, 5ft10, likes going out, pubs, clubs, cinema, shopping, walks, loves films and all sports except cricket. Box 430384 **P**

**KIND**, caring, genuine person, 43, love music, outdoors, good conversations, looking for friendship initially and maybe more. Box 898448 **P**

**PLEASANT** female, 43, medium-large build, blue/green eyes, grown up children, beach walks, relaxing, reading, winning, seeks sincere male with GSOH, for LTR. Box 429071

**PETITE**, sincere woman, 44, wavy blonde hair, blue eyes, size 10, loves beach walks, animals, DIY, swimming, travelling, WLTm N/S man to share things with. Box 429682

**44YR** old female, 5'5", brown hair, slim/medium build, enjoys pubs, clubs, if you are out there, give me a ring! Maidstone. Box 413448

**FRIENDLY**, bubbly, fun-loving woman, 45, 5'4", GSOH, enjoys socialising, pubs, music, eating in/out, own home/car, smoker, looking for honest man 44-55, who enjoys life. Box 823441 **P**

**ROMANTIC** woman, 45, likes the good things in life, WLTm a special, good-looking man to complete the jigsaw. Box 434511

**BLONDE** haired, attractive female, 46, 5ft4, slim, GSOH, seeking good-looking, slim, kind, trendy male, 35-45, with a GSOH, and fantastic personality. Sheerness. Box 432618

**SINCERITY**, honesty, intelligence, is that just too much to ask for? With a hint of cheekiness, I'm 46 from the Maidstone area. Box 156956 **P**

**ATTRACTIVE** female, 47, 5ft5, slim, black origin, practising Catholic educated professional, divorced, likes reading, classical music, gardening, seeking genuine, honest, loving male. Ashford. Box 434548

**BUBBLY**, caring, single mum, 46, WLTm nice male, for good conversations, company, and maybe more. Box 396829

**HI**, I'm Sue, 48, 5'2", dark hair/eyes, divorced, hard-working, WLTm compatible male, stocky build, for good times, possibly LTR. Box 432992

**YOUNG-LOOKING**, slim, attractive female, 48, fun-loving & outgoing, N/S, GSOH, love music, holidays, going out & staying in, seeks similar man, 42-50. Aylesford. Box 428833

**FUN** African woman, 49, likes walking, places of interest, seeks similar male, GSOH, to share interests with possibly more. Ashford. Box 429269

**LOVING** and loyal 49yr old female, GSOH, enjoys walking, countryside, cinema, theatre, pubs, restaurants, music, travel, seeks sincere and loving male between 48-56 for friendship. Box 909974

**ATTRACTIVE**, blonde woman, 5'4", 49, enjoys the gym, cooking, cinema, theatre, travel and restaurants, seeks male for friendship. Box 388091 **P**

**SUE**, 51, slim, blue eyes, brunette, ladies hairdresser, looking for someone special. How about you? Box 431904

**PRIMROSE**, 51, divorced with 3 children and 2 grandchildren. I'm 5ft2, with dark hair, looking for someone for companionship. Box 433580

**LOYAL**, bubbly and affectionate, attractive lady, 51, dark hair, enjoy clubs, nights in, love animals, seeking a like-minded gent for happiness. Box 433585

**SLIM** female, 51, long dark brown hair, brown eyes, 5ft6, well groomed, very easy-going and tactile, GSOH, enjoys socialising, nights in/out, eating out, cinema walks. Box 434052

**MODERN**, professional, classy, loyal female, early 50s, 5'4", blonde hair, medium build, enjoys countryside, WLTm gent, 45-58, smart appearance, looking for friendship, possible relationship. Box 825500

**48YR** old divorcee, 5'5", dark hair, hazel eyes, like dancing, music, cinema, days/nights out. WLTm a man who would like to share some good times. Box 901027 **P**

**SPORTY** female, 50, Hastings-based, 5'8", blonde/blue, enjoys golf, walking, socialising, eating in/out, WLTm fun-loving, kind, sporty male, 48-60, 5'10", to share life. Box 165367

**LIVELY**, understanding female, 51, large build, WLTm genuine, loving male, 46-58, for lasting, loving relationship. Faversham. Box 399271

**LOVELY**, honest lady, 52, enjoy walks, cycling, travel, WLTm sociable gent to share interests and possibly leading to LTR. Box 399420

**FEMALE**, 51, 5'6", attractive, red-head, green eyes, seeking professional, male soulmate, 45-55. West Kent. Box 477686

**BRIGHT**, bubbly lady, 52, 5'4", blonde hair, recently divorced, own home and car, enjoy cinema, eating out, drinks, looking for companionship and friendship. Box 419966

**LIVELY**, special lady, 54, honest, friendly, caring with varied interests, including outdoor sports, travel, keeping fit, music, reading and social events, WLTm like-minded, easygoing male. Box 430607

**BUBBLY**, outgoing female, 54, likes pubs, walks, horse riding, country life, seeks genuine gentleman, 48-52, for companionship. Friendship, possible LTR. Box 386913

**ATTRACTIVE**, homely, caring 55yr old lady, 5'2", slim/medium build, GSOH, good conversationalist, looking for special person to share life's ups and downs with. Faversham. Box 406928

**YOUNG-AT-HEART**, lively, sociable lady, 56, 5'6", blue eyes, blonde, GSOH, WLTm understanding, down-to-earth gent, for company, maybe romance. Box 403745

**FRIENDLY** female 56, likes most things in life, cinema, clubs, pubs, WLTm tall, sincere, caring male, for friendship and good times. Box 320642

**YOUNG**, 57yr old modern female widow, slim, enjoys nights in/out, socialising, seeking honest, reliable man for friendship, love, affection and TLC. Box 920739

**FUN** loving, bubbly, tactile lady, 50s, enjoys the good life, holidays and cosy nights in, I'm voluptuous & looking for a real man. Box 903560 **P**

**SPIRITUALLY** minded, slim lady, young 58yrs, looking for someone special to enjoy the normal things in life with, are there any gentlemen left? Box 907723

**BRUNETTE** lady, 61, looking for a LTR, friendship first, any age considered. Interests: dancing walking, socialising, cuddling! Margate. Box 432246

**YOUNG** 61 year old, 5ft3, medium build, brown hair/eyes, very happy-go-lucky, likes dancing, walks, eating in/out. I'm very adaptable, looking for a LTR. Margate. Box 434424



## MEN for WOMEN

**CARE** assistant, male, 30, hazel eyes/brown hair, I enjoy nights in/out. WLTm nice guy, similar age, for fun, friendship, maybe more. Canterbury. Box 423431 **P**

**SWEET** guy, 31, 5ft8, athletic build, looking for a possible long term relationship, or fun dates out. Box 898885 **P**

**36YR** old honest, kind, caring, single male, blond hair, 6ft, like walks, cinema, nights in/out, enjoy family life, WLTm like-minded, genuine female. Box 430440 **P**

**SINGLE** dad of 2, 35, 6', blond, blue eyes, enjoys cycling, swimming, country walks, seeks female for friendship and more. Box 404402

**GOOD-LOOKING** male 35, 5'8", no-ties, enjoys pubs, restaurants, holidays, bowling, theme parks and more, seeks petite female, to share good times with. Ashford. Box 198029

**DOWN-TO-EARTH**, loyal guy, 36, looking for companionship, leading to a long-term relationship. Enjoys meals out, good company & conversation, cosy evenings in. Box 914917 **P**

**ATTRACTIVE**, caring man, 37, very loyal, genuine, down-to-earth, from East Kent, many interests, it's about who you're with, not what you're doing. Box 423435

**MARGATE** man, 37, 6ft3, dark hair, nice big build, I work in residential care which I love. I'm down-to-earth, kind, tactile, with a GSOH. Box 423437 **P**

**ROMANTIC** male, 38, 6ft, blue eyes, medium/muscular build, enjoy socialising, cosy nights in, music, looking for a loving, fun-filled female for happiness. Chatham. Box 43395

**GOOD-LOOKING** male, 36, short spiky brown hair, likes dancing, socialising, films, WLTm nice, loyal, honest female, 30-42, for a relationship. Maidstone. Box 401597 **P**

**ROCHESTER** boy, 38, 6ft4 medium/muscular build, dark eyes/hair, enjoy playing guitar, fishing, love animals, WLTm lady with an hourglass figure for fun, friendship and more. Box 417856

**SINGLE** male, 39 years old, 2 sons, very interested in all kinds of sports, seeking a lovely lady. Box 899774 **P**

**ATHLETIC** guy, 38, black hair, looking for a sweet girl, for fun and laughter and maybe more. Tonbridge. Box 425268

**PETER**, 38, 5ft11, slim, enjoys music, cinema, dancing, restaurants, seeking loving female, for friendship leading to more. Chatham. Box 425364 **P**

**OUTGOING**, laid-back, genuine guy, 40, looking for a similar female, 25-45, for perhaps a LTR. Box 434398

**SINGLE** male, 40 years old, 5ft4, medium build, dark hair, brown eyes, looking for a bubbly, adventurous female, who's fun to be with. Box 433540 **P**

**HI**, I'm a down-to-earth male, 40, 5'7", medium build, green eyes, loves outdoors, sports, beach walks etc, WLTm an out-going female for good times. Box 899004

**STRAIGHT** guy, 40, happy with everything in life, would like someone special to share it with. Box 907584

**LOVABLE**, gentle guy, 38, likes most things in life, seeks a female for laughter, fun together, enjoyment. Box 260717

**FUN-LOVING** male, 39, 5'10", muscular build, enjoys most things in life, seeks female, who enjoys a laugh, for fun, friendship, possible LTR. Box 395339

**LAID-BACK**, 40yr old single dad of 2, like country walks, going out, socialising, seeks female, GSOH, for friendship, possibly relationship. Gillingham. Box 409834

**THOUGHTFUL** male, 41, 6ft, shaved head, blue eyes, medium to stocky build, looking for a caring female to share good times. Box 899053 **P**

**41YR** old genuine and understanding male, 5'8", short cropped hair, enjoy sports, life to the full, looking for lady, medium/large, for friendship, possibly more. Box 433635

**GREAT** guy, young looking 42, no ties. I'm 5ft7, stocky build, fit, short hair/hazel eyes, been called handsome! I'm sporty, a non-smoker and enjoy holidays. Box 431226 **P**

**KIND**, caring, generous male, 41, own home/car, likes sports, cinema, the normal things. Seeks loving, generous, kind female, for possible romance. Box 387261

**HELLO** you, if you're fed up with looking back at the past and wondering 'oh what if?' I'm 41 and I'm your man! Box 909888 **P**

**42YR** old, male, good health, good job, home/car, good friends and family, work hard, like to play when I can, down to earth. Box 913490

**WARM**, tactile male, 42, 6ft, likes socialising, pubs, clubs, nights in, seeks like minded female, for friendship, leading to more. Box 388967

**SIMON**, 53, 6'2", love the good times, like intelligent conversations, like going out, live bands, WLTm a cheerful, sociable female. Box 431425

**SLIM** male, 42, 5ft11, genuine, reliable, N/S, likes all the usual things in life, WLTm genuine, down-to-earth lady, for friendship, dates, relationship. Gillingham. Box 425419 **P**

**KIND**, caring male, 43, 5ft7, blond, blue eyes, likes going out, staying in, seeks tactile female who enjoys life. Box 426360

**BUS** driver, 43, 5ft7, live in Chatham, likes pubs/clubs, sports, having fun, looking for a loving, caring female, for fun, hopefully more. Box 434610

**44-YEAR-OLD** man, interests include socialising, days out, keeping fit, days out, seeking a caring, honest female, to share fun times. Box 433992

**YOUNG-AT-HEART** 44yr old male, blond hair, blue eyes, easy-going nature, likes eating out, music, cinema etc, WLTm adventurous, witty, fit female for possible LTR. Box 432940

**TALL**, fun-loving, good-looking former athlete, 44, lived in USA many years, likes music, sports cars, looking for dark haired or exotic lady, GSOH, for LTR. Ashford. Box 430121

**45** year old man, 5ft10, medium build, looking to begin again. I'm romantic, solvent, down-to-earth, enjoy most things in life, seeking a LTR. Chatham. Box 430228

**HARD-WORKING**, loving, loyal, honest man, 45, OHAC, enjoys cinema, West Ham, weekends away, life, lot of love to give, seeking my soulmate, 40-48, slim/medium build. Box 431914

**PROFESSIONAL** male, 45, own home/car, likes cinemas, weekends away, the coast, a BBQ and good wine, looking for friendship, hopefully more. Box 426202

**46YR** male, 5ft7, enjoys cinema, socialising, meals out, long walks on the beach, looking for a special lady, for fun, friendship, maybe more. Box 432611

**SEPARATED**, kind, honest, down to earth, 46yr old male, 5'8", brown eyes, athletic build, interests include music, live bands, cycling, gardening, walking, dogs, pubs. Box 906985

**WARM**, sincere, N/S, eligible, stimulating male, 46, well groomed, OHAC, 5'10", slim/medium, settled but playful, seeks similar lady to share LTR and smiles. Box 924095 **P**

**ACTIVE** male, 47, 6ft4, dark hair, blue eyes, medium build, loves playing rugby, socialising, pubs, meeting friends/family, seeking tall, positive, happy, bubbly female. Box 434561

**GOOD-LOOKING** male, 47, VGSOH, medium build, varied interests, looking for friendship and love with honest, easygoing female with GSOH, kids not a problem. Box 898446

**YOUNG-LOOKING**, romantic male, 58, 5'7", slim/medium build, like the countryside, meals out, theatre, cinema, looking for a affectionate, tactile lady to share good moments. Box 417889

**YOUNG** 51, good-looking, young-looking, N/S, GSOH, fit, romantic, solvent, caring, likes most things in life, food/wine etc, seeking a genuine lady to share life with. Box 434593

**WIDOWER**, 5ft10, 53, GSOH, outgoing, fairly fit, genuine, sincere, scrub up well, like clubs, music, travel, holidays, WLTm nice female, 50-58, with similar outlook. Box 434562

**HAPPY** chap, 53, 5ft5, medium build, likes most things in life, dancing, gardening, travel, seeking someone to share the good times with. Margate. Box 426782

**SENSITIVE**, loyal, attentive, playful male, 51, enjoys gym, live music, cinema, meals out, walks, conversation, WLTm female, 45-65 for trust, friendship/LTR. Whitstable. Box 181246

**GARY**, 55 years old, 6'3", large build, ex doorman, solvent, looking for someone to love and to have fun times with. Box 900009 **P**

**SIMPLE**, laid-back, happy go lucky male, 56, GSOH, like most things in life, WLTm fun female to share good things in life. Ashford. Box 419677

**LOOKING** for an extrovert, attractive female, 30-50, with a passion for tactile, hungry meetings. I'm 56, can't wait to hear your voice! Box 429567

**56YR** old male, 5ft9, easy-going, single, fairly shy, interests include sports, going out, walking, the countryside, not into nightclubs etc. Ashford. Box 434606

**HI**, I'm a genuine, tall, good-looking, easygoing, retired, tactile male, 60, GSOH, looking for fun, intelligent lady, 45+, to share life. Box 434226

**SLIM**, fit male, 63, 5ft10, N/S, blue eyes, own business, home, squirrel like, many interests, WLTm kind-hearted lady, GSOH. Box 901915 **P**

## Men for men

**MIXED** race male, 34, 5'11", average build, like going out, sports etc. looking for fun, friendship, maybe more with younger guy. Ashford/surrounding area. Box 900477

**I'M** Paul, 40, genuine, down-2-earth, 5'9", GSOH, brown hair, blue eyes, average build, likes movies, DIY, theatre, keeping fit, travelling, looking for young male, N/S. Box 423252 **P**

**57YR** old man, heavy build, gay, passive, masculine acting, interested in most things especially computers and the internet, N/S, seeking a LTR. Sittingbourne. Box 433384

**61YR** old easy-going guy, likes reading, the outdoors, keeping fit, looking for a similar, quiet person, N/S, with a positive outlook in life. Box 428136

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**CARING**, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5'2", blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013

**HONEST**, loyal, caring lady, 32, hard-working, 5ft6, medium build, likes eating out, spending time with friends/family, meeting new people, going to new places, seeking similar. Box 432586

**32YR** old kind, warm female, 5'6", cuddly build, love walking my dog, cosy nights in, evenings out, WLTm tall, honest, trustworthy male for friendship. Box 430993

**SUSAN**, 33, long hair, hazel eyes, tanned, enjoys the usual things in life, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 429879

**CAROLINE**, 32, 5ft10, brown hair, likes going out, having fun, cinema, seeks outgoing male for friendship and more. Box 430833 **P**

**HI**, I'm Annabelle, 32, blonde hair, blue eyes, slim, divorced, 2 children, WLTm a tall, local man, enjoys sport, shopping and relaxing. Tonbridge. Box 420609

**SINGLE** mum of 2, 32, would like to meet someone kind, caring and considerate, for nights in/out and cinema. Box 406670

**CREATIVE**, happy, loving female, 32, 5ft, blonde/blue eyes, seeks kind, warm, sincere, patient male, with a car, to share my life with. Box 392354

**LOVING**, caring, black African female, 33, school teacher, WLTm caring, honest, loving, open, professional man, 35-50 with good values in life, for something meaningful. Box 422460

**MEDWAY** female, 36, 5ft8, blonde/green eyes, slim, likes dancing, amateur dramatics, walks, much more, looking for someone who could make me laugh, for possible relationship. Box 434372 **P**

**36YR** old female, divorced with no children, brunette, loves travel, music, cinema, nice meals, theatre, ceroc, salsa, seeking someone for dates and more. Rainham. Box 434374

**HAPPY**, bubbly, positive female, 37 years old, outgoing, loving, caring, loyal, quite spiritual, into dance music, trance, cooking, the countryside, looking for soul mate. Box 433539

**SINGLE** mum of 2, 37, caring and loving, 5ft4, slim, blonde hair, blue eyes, GSOH, enjoys most things in life. Box 898868

**36YR** old single lady, long blonde hair, big blue eyes, slim, 5ft7, looking for a guy who's caring, honest, for TLC and maybe more. Box 902011

**36YR** old nurse, enjoys fun and laughter, travel, nights in/out, music, dancing, reading, theatre. Seeking man for company, maybe more. East Kent. Box 912176 **P**

**ATTRACTIVE** 38yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, with curves, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walking, cycling, seeks exciting, fun male for friendship/relationship. Box 901893 **P**

**HONEST**, caring lady, attractive, from Tunbridge Wells, 37, hazel eyes, curvy, 5ft6, with a GSOH, many interests, clubs, cooking, cosy nights. Looking for stocky male, 35-45. Box 424364 **P**

**CHATTY** female, 36, 5'4", single mum, blonde, slim, likes pubs, clubs, going out, having fun, seeks male, for fun nights out and giggles. Rochester. Box 372889 **P**

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**LOVING**, young 25yr old female with a kind heart and passion for life, short hair, blue eyes, like music, socialising, seeks a like-minded female. Box 431117

**CUDDLY**, buxom female, 46, blue eyes, feminine, loves music, animals, reading, writing, stars, very genuine, meals in/out, seeking boyish female, who's loving/caring. Box 433152

**CAPRICORN** female, 48, 5ft7, brown hair, blue eyes, GSOH, caring, animal lover, into DIY, sports, reading, WLTm someone in Maidstone area. Box 434547

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# Gay clergy row could split CofE

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THE Archbishop of Canterbury's attempts to avoid a split in the Church over the issue of homosexuality suffered another blow after it was revealed he met with gay clergy in secret.

Dr Rowan Williams held the meeting at All Hallows church in London on November 29, where he gave Communion to gay and lesbian clergy.

It took place without the knowledge of the Bishop of London, Richard Chartres, despite being 'on his patch'.

The meeting came at a particularly sensitive time for the Church, with the issue of homosexuality, and particularly the ordination of gay bishops, threatening to cause the biggest split in the Anglican Church's history.

The Archbishop has so far managed to avoid such a split, having flown out to America in September for last ditch talks to persuade the American Episcopal Church to abandon its decision to ordain gay bishops, as it had done in 2003 with the ordination of Gene Robinson in New Hampshire.

## Boycott

Several diocese split from the American church as a result of the ordination, which also prompted some conservative clergymen, particularly in Africa, to call for the Americans to be cast out of its international body, the Anglican Communion.

Conservative clergy have now set up the Global Anglican Future Conference (GAFCON) in Israel and Palestine in June, six weeks before the Lambeth Conference in Canterbury.

Organisers have denied the GAFCON is a deliberate rival to Lambeth, but many conservative bishops are expected to boycott the latter in favour of the former.

The Bishop of Rochester, Dr Michael Nazir-Ali was among those who were consulted about the



**MEETING:**  
Dr Williams gave Communion to gay and lesbian clergy recently

THE number of Catholic churchgoers in the UK now outnumbers Anglicans, according to a survey.

Figures revealed by the Daily Telegraph show there are now 861,000 practicing Catholics in UK churches, compared to 852,000 Anglicans.

The large number of practicing Catholics has been put down to a rise in people from largely Catholic countries such as Poland and Lithuania coming to the UK.

Anglican church services have seen attendances fall by around 20 per cent over the last seven years, although it is estimated that around 25 million Britons consider themselves to be Anglicans compared to just four million Catholics.

GAFCON and has said he may boycott the Lambeth Conference.

Dr Williams has not invited Gene Robinson to Lambeth.

He has also not invited Martyn Mimms, an American bishop who defected to Africa, where Archbishop Akinola of Nigeria invested him with responsibility for Americans who had broken with the US Episcopal Church.

The Bishop of Manchester this week heaped further pressure on the Archbishop by criticising the Lambeth Conference for shying away from the issue of homosexuality.

He also criticised the bishops who have threatened to boycott the event.

He said: "However deep family arguments and differences are, we ought to be following the New Testament pattern of meeting together to pray, to learn, to eat and to share."

"The first Lambeth Conference was called in the wake of controversy; and it would be exceedingly odd – even irresponsible – for the bishops to avoid, and appear to sweep under the carpet, the very issues that are currently inhibiting our common witness to Christ across the world."

The Lambeth Conference is due to take place at the University of Kent at Canterbury between July 10 and August 4.

A spokesman for the Bishop of London insisted the Bishop "was not annoyed" about the Eucharistic service taking place without his knowledge. He said the Archbishop did not need to seek permission under canon law to hold the service.

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## Man still missing one year on

A CHARITY has appealed for information about a man who went missing from Ashford a year ago.

Roy Bridger, who was 46 on January 3, was last seen in the town on December 30, 2006.

Missing People, the UK charity dedicated to finding the missing, renewed appeals this week.

It said that despite extensive

inquiries there had been no news of Mr Bridger and his whereabouts remain a mystery.

As part of its renewed appeal, Missing People has included Mr Bridger on its online missing map at [www.missingpeople.org.uk/map](http://www.missingpeople.org.uk/map).

Anyone with information can contact the charity's 24-hour free phone number on 0500 700 700.

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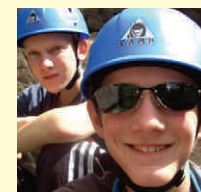
If you run activity clubs for children and young people in Kent the Kent Children's Information Service needs to hear from you.

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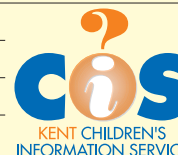
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**D**o you look out on the Downs from your home or office? Do you live in the Downs or visit the countryside or villages regularly? Do you have memories of time spent in the Downs, picnics in quiet valleys, flying kites on the top of open hilltops or collecting blackberries from ancient hedgerows?

The enchanting landscape of the Downs are regarded fondly by many people and you can now help to guide the future of this beautiful area so that others can go on enjoying all it has to offer, be it from an armchair, a train window, the back of a horse or on foot!

The North Downs run through Kent from the White Cliffs at Dover up to the London and Surrey borders and on through Surrey, but the Kent bit is known as the Kent Downs.

The Kent Downs are protected in a similar way to the landscape within a National Park by a designation known as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.



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# What delights you about the Kent Downs?



INSPIRATION

# A special part of our county

## Looking after the Downs

SO who looks after the Kent Downs now and helps to keep them special?

Many different people and organisations: farmers, landowners, highways authority, local authorities, Kent Wildlife Trust, Natural England, businesses, Woodland Trust, Forestry Commission, parish councils, contractors... and you!

What you buy, what you eat, what you do in your work and leisure time and how you manage your own part of the Kent Downs can all make a difference.

Buying products such as charcoal, cobnuts, apples and lamb from the Kent Downs can maintain markets for products that ensure landscape features, such as the internationally rare chalk grassland and stunning orchards can be conserved and enhanced.

Thinking about transport in work and play can reduce traffic problems on the tiny lanes that are such a key feature of the Kent Downs.

Volunteer work to help with the conservation of some of the key habitats in the Downs such as clearing scrub helps to maintain the diversity of grasslands? And your choice of fencing materials, gateway furniture, lighting and planting at home can also have an impact on the landscape of the Kent Downs.

SO, if that's the role you can play in securing a future for this precious landscape, what do we at the Kent Downs AONB Unit do?

- We draw in a lot of money for the Kent Downs which includes European Interreg money that supports projects such as the Streetscape Design Handbook that is out for consultation at the moment.
- Also £100,000 from Defra to distribute through our Sustainable Development Fund and £2.4 million from the Heritage Lottery Fund for work within the Medway Gap area.
- We provide support to farmers and landowners through our Rural Advice Service to help them work through

diversification ideas in light of the changes in agricultural subsidies.

- We work with many other partners for the benefit of the Kent Downs such as producing a joint accord with the Forestry Commission to work towards the sustainable management of our diverse and productive woodlands.

## Looking to the future

ONE of our other key roles is the production of a Management Plan for the AONB on behalf of the local authorities with part of the AONB within their boundary.

Under the 2000 Countryside and Rights of Way Act all AONBs (40 in England and Wales) were required to produce a Management Plan, also under the Act we are required to review these plans every five years.

We have now started the review process for the Kent Downs AONB Plan and will be consulting widely ahead of the production of our revised plan in 2009.

If this seems like a long time it's because there are a number of procedures we must comply with in order that our plan carries as much weight as possible within the planning system.

The Kent Downs Management Plan sets out the priorities and policies for the conservation and enhancement of the Kent Downs AONB. We involve many, many partners to produce a document that they will all sign up to delivering and thus secure the future for this important landscape.

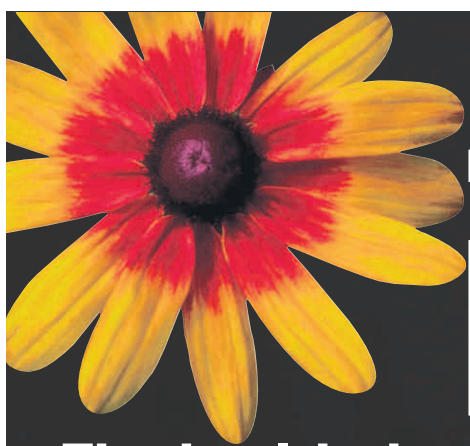
## What can you do?

YOUR views are critical throughout the review process and we invite you to feed back in whatever way suits you best but as a starter how about letting us have your thoughts on the following questions.

You can cut this out and post it back to us using the Freepost address or fill it in on line at [www.kentdowns.org.uk](http://www.kentdowns.org.uk) and follow the link from the home page.

1Watch Nick Johannsen, the Director of the Kent Downs AONB Unit, talking about this special landscape and how you can influence its future on Kent TV at [www.kenttv.co.uk](http://www.kenttv.co.uk)





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# An acne-free brew

By **CHRIS MURPHY**

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MORE than a third of women in Kent suffer from adult acne and much of this is down to poor diet, but there is help available – and it involves beer.

Stress can also lead to a break-out of the dreaded zits, which can do so much to damage a sufferer's self-esteem.

Many of the present over-the-counter treatments can contain harsh chemicals like salicylic acid, which strip the skin of its natural oils in order to 'dry up' the spots.

In the short-term, these anti-acne products generally work, but are aimed mostly at teenagers rather than older women, who have more delicate skin.

Regular use of standard acne treatments can lead to developing very dry skin and eczema and even premature signs of ageing.

Skin Shop, which is exclusively online, has an Anti Acne Yeast Masque, which contains active young brewer's yeast.

This not only attacks the acne bacteria, but also leaves skin moisturised and soft, rather

than dry and flaky, and is ideal for adult female acne.

The masque is made from beer sediment that improves the symptoms of acne by slowing down sebum production and killing off bacteria that cause acne.

The idea is hardly new – the Egyptians were using it 4,000 years ago – but the process has been refined a lot since then.

Studies have confirmed brewer's yeast, actually called *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, can help maintain a balanced pH level in the skin.

The cause of acne is simple. An over-production of sebum reaches the surface of the skin and thickens as it comes into contact with oxygen, leading to pore blockages.

If left blocked, they can lead to bacterial infection and inflammation, known to you or me as spots.

Brewer's yeast contains a natural potent antibacterial agent called nicotinic acid that

wards off bacteria that cause acne without drying the skin by stripping it of its natural oils.

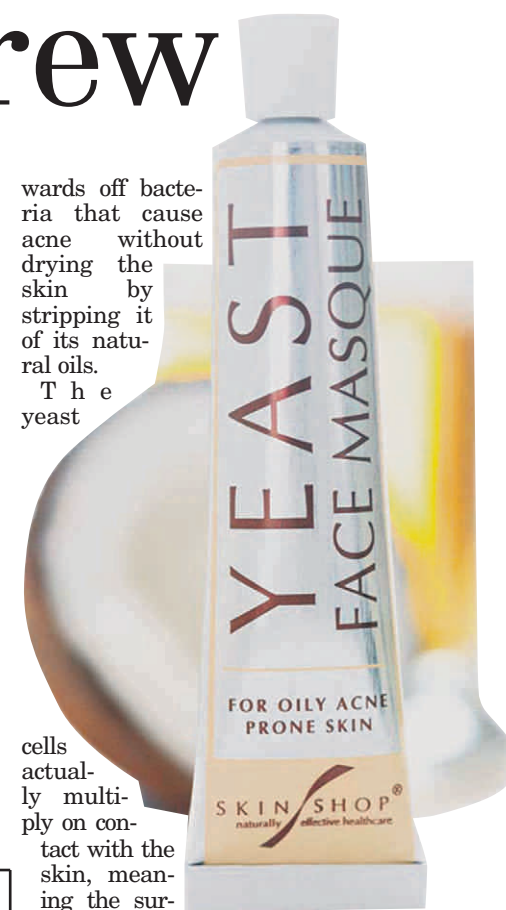
The yeast

cells actually multiply on contact with the skin, meaning the surface is soon populated by anti-bacterial agents – stopping the acne-causing bacteria.

The anti-acne masque also contains pure coconut oil, which is rich in lauric acid and is known for its antibacterial and anti-fungal effect.

It should be applied to the skin once a day, preferably before bed, and left on for approximately 15 minutes, then washed off with clean, warm water. For maximum effect, no other skin care products should be applied for around seven days. Results should be noticeable within a few weeks.

It costs £5.99 for 30ml and is available exclusively from [www.skinshop.co.uk](http://www.skinshop.co.uk) or by calling 0871 871 9975.



## Another New Years Resolution Or a serious desire to become a non smoker?

by Pamela Brett-Sims

**If the thought of quitting fills you with dread and gives you anxieties, it needn't...**

### Hypnosis can make it easy

Pamela Brett-Sims Clinical Hypnotherapist at Canterbury Hypnotherapy Practice explains that one of the services they offer is a very advanced hypnotherapy technique that can turn cigarette addicts into non-smokers in just one session of a little over an hour.

Pamela belongs to a network of hypnotherapists with many years of experience dedicated to the sole aim of smoking cessation. She is a certified master practitioner of Hypnotherapy and is registered with and certified by the American Board of Hypnotherapy, one of the largest governing bodies in the world which means you are in safe and ethical hands.

Pamela will happily send a free CD to genuine callers which will explain all about hypnosis and answer any questions or concerns you may have.

### 'Walk in a Smoker - walk out a Non-Smoker'

Pamela stated that with hypnosis nobody can be made to do what they don't want to do, but that it is a very powerful way of helping people do what they do want to do. With this system, if you do really want to stop smoking, you can 'Walk in a Smoker and walk out a Non-Smoker'.

She explains that the powerful breakthrough system she uses combines the latest discoveries in hypnosis together with the science of personal achievement known as Neuro Linguistic Programming and takes the power of hypnosis to a new level in helping people take back control of their lives, and has a 95% success rate.

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# Beauty with lasting effects

By **PHIL REILLY**

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FOR those who are tired of the hours spent applying make-up that ends up smearing or running, a Kent woman is offering a permanent solution.

Karen Callow runs Beauty Contours, a Sheerness-based company that specialises in cosmetic tattooing.

The treatment involves carefully applied non-toxic, hypoallergenic micro pigments being placed into the dermal layer of the skin using sterile, single-use needles.

It first became available in the UK in the 1980s, but actually dates back to the Egyptian and early Inca civilisations.

Among the treatments available are:

- Eyebrow contours, which are ideal for those who regularly use an eyebrow pencil to cover patchy or non-existent eyebrows.

## Bad vision

- Eyeliner contours. These are designed to make the eyes appear bigger and to emphasise the colour. They are ideal for sporty types, especially swimmers, and for those who have small eyes or bad vision.

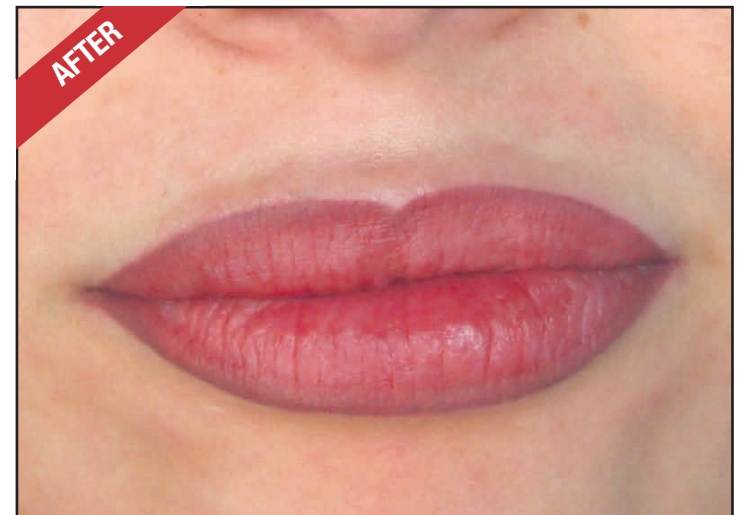
- Lip contours. These add shape and colour to lips and are ideal for people with a busy lifestyle who do not have the time to stop to apply make up.

- LVL (length, volume, lift) lashes. This process uses an innovative silicon shield to lift eyelashes from the root to create a wide-eyed, younger look.

Ms Callow said cosmetic tattooing could benefit men and women alike for a variety of reasons and help restore confidence and self-esteem for clients who have undergone major trauma.

She said: "Not only are permanent cosmetics beneficial for cosmetic purposes, there are also many practical reasons too. For women who have arthritis, stroke, Parkinson's, multiple sclerosis, or other conditions that cause tremors, putting on make-up can be an impossible task and permanent makeup can eliminate their frustration.

"Women with allergies to conventional makeup and those with poor vision are also finding the benefits of permanent make-up. Those with sparse or no eyebrows through alopecia/chemotherapy or just over plucking due to fashion, find these treatments help restore self-esteem and eliminate the need to reapply eyebrows every day."



Ms Callow said the process was safe and followed the strictest hygiene and sterilisation standards.

The effects usually last for between two and five years, but it varies for every individual, depending on age, skin type and lifestyle. The colour does fade with time and repeat treatments are recommended every 18 months to two years.

After the procedure a light crust forms over the affected area. This flakes off over a few days and the pigmentation, which will look darker than the colour decided on, fades by up to 30 per cent.

The treatments range in price from £300-£450 and consultations are £30. For more information visit [www.beautycontours.com](http://www.beautycontours.com) or call 01795 874970.



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## Give yourself a Fakeover

WITH warnings from the World Health Authority that some coin-operated sun tan beds could cause cancer, a company says there are safe alternatives.

Following reports that girls of 12 are subjecting themselves to dangerous levels of tanning, Fakeover says it supports proposed legal restrictions on who is allowed to use tanning beds.

If the law changes, no one under the age of 18 will be allowed to use them. But Fakeover says anyone who lusts after a gentle, sun-kissed glow won't have to go without.

Fakeover provides a range of self-tan products they say will leave you with bronzed skin without damaging it. This safe fake tan alternative will quickly and easily cover up winter whites, leaving you with a gorgeous glow. The range includes a Cool Crackle formula, which is not only fun to apply, but cooling on

the delicate skin. Plus no one will ever know that you've faked it as each tanning solution has an instant drying action and is fragranced.

Choose from Fakeover Cool Crackle Gradual Self Tanner, Cool Crackle Instant Bronze and the All Over Shimmer Soufflé for sparkling skin. The Fakeover range is available in Tesco and online from Amazon from £3.99 for a body buffer and there are two fake spray tan bottles for £6.99 each. The Shimmer Soufflé for £8.99, gives the skin a little sparkle, which then easily washes off later.

Nicola Folkard, category manager for Fakeover, said: "This is a much safer alternative for teenagers to achieve a sun-kissed glow compared to sun beds, which can cause harm and damage to young, delicate skin."



# Glowing skin in winter

By **CHRIS MURPHY**

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THE winter months can take its toll on the skin, but there are plenty of things you can do to protect against harsh winds and plummeting temperatures.

Dr Sue Holdstock is one of the founding members of the British Association of Cosmetic Doctors.

She said: "Smooth, radiant skin that's glowing with vitality and beauty is easily achievable in the chilly, wintry season."

"Your face needs extra-special care and protection from winter's harsh conditions, but you mustn't forget other exposed areas, such as your hands and neck. Biting winds, hot baths, central heating and cold temperatures can all cause sensitive, tight and itchy skin."

Acne can spoil the party season for many and Dr Holdstock said: "The vast majority of people will at some time suffer from acne with more and more women in their 30s and 40s becoming prone to spots."

She said Dermapure do a fantastic Acne Home Care Kit costing £125, which achieves remarkable results in two weeks.

"Look for products which contain anti-inflammatory properties such as vitamin C – SkinCeuticals C&E Ferulic is probably recognised as the best on the market. Zinc is another important ingredient, which needs to be included in your regime."

"If the condition is more serious



FACE IT: Dr Sue Holdstock

there are clinic-based procedures, such as laser therapy, medical microdermabrasion and/or salicylic resurfacers, which is fantastic for melting blackheads away."

To battle dry skin, she recommends keeping the skin pH in balance by looking for soaps with crème in their name.

Dr Holdstock said: "Body brushing will also help to remove dead skin cells and allow any moisturiser you apply to be absorbed more easily. Moisturise the skin on your legs every time you shower or bathe. Also,

keep your legs covered against the elements."

Wrinkles and age spots do worry many, but she said: "These are often treated with a combination of treatments. The dermal filler, Restylane Vital, is ideal for helping to reduce wrinkles, making the hands look much younger, plumper and firmer. You will need three treatments, two weeks apart."

"The other treatment I would recommend would be a TCA chemical skin peel for the age spots. This is applied in a special 'one touch' technique and will 'burn off' the age spots to give your hands an even tone and younger appearance."

Facial hair can be tackled using laser removal. She said: "You can banish those pesky hairs once and for all. It's easy, painless and more importantly – permanent. You may need two to four sessions to completely eradicate the hairs."

"At £50 per session, it's well worth the confidence boost."

Stopping lips drying out can be done by gentle exfoliation with a soft baby toothbrush to get rid of dead skin cells.

Dr Holdstock said: "Do this once or twice a week and you'll be amazed at the difference it makes. Always apply a lip balm, and keep it with you throughout the day. Avoid glycerine-based products as this attracts moisture from the lips. SkinCeuticals do a fantastic lip balm, but if you want to add to your natural pout, try DermaQuest's C-Lipoic lip enhancer."

And stopping armpits from sweating can be done with Botox, which stops the glands from producing perspiration for around eight months.

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The Marriott reputation is spreading rapidly, with a lot of new and repeat business being gained through the personal recommendation of past and present clients. Upon starting the company it became clear that many vendors and buyers reported experiencing a "severe lack of communication whilst dealing with the average estate agent". Marriotts strive to provide the best possible service to all clients and feel that at such a stressful time customer service is crucial. Many clients have remarked, after contacting Marriotts, "What a breath of fresh air! An estate agent that returns calls and does what they say they will do!"

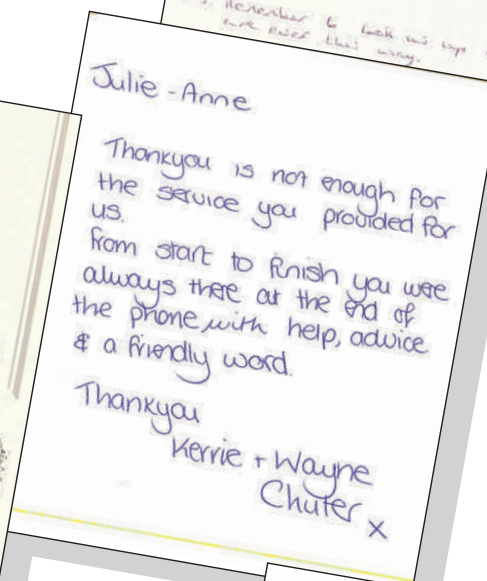
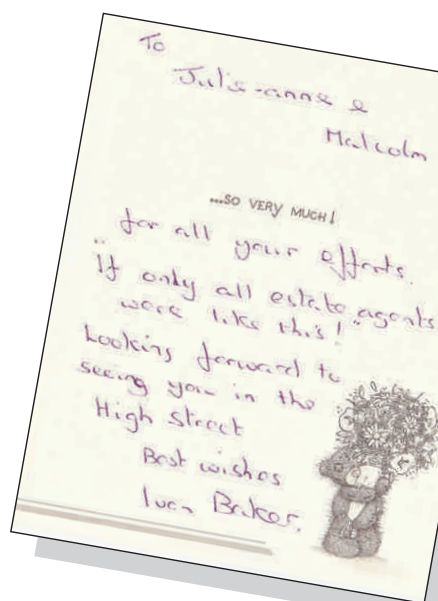
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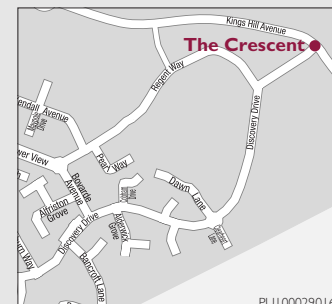
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A spokesman said: "The hospital has consistently strived to be the leader in private health provision, helped by skilled consultants and a dedicated team of doctors, nurses and hospital staff."

"All medical surgery is carried out by the hospital's team of expert consultant surgeons and doctors, ensuring that patients receive the very best in clinical excellence and the highest standards of care."

The hospital's weight-loss surgical team only offer proven treatments, say managers, including stomach banding and intra-gastric balloon.

"The service is based upon a comprehensive obesity management programme including dietary support, clinical psychology, obesity physician consults and band refill service."

For more details, call St Saviour's customer service team on the freephone number 0800 169 7819 or visit the website [www.stsaviourshospital.co.uk](http://www.stsaviourshospital.co.uk).

# Put a health check on your shopping list

By **CHRIS MURPHY**

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IF you are worried or concerned about your weight and what it might be doing to your body and, in particular, your heart, taking the time to visit a Tesco Pharmacy could put your mind at rest with its new Health Check service.

The Government and countless research reports say the people of Kent and the rest of the UK are heading for an obesity meltdown in the future and all recommend action is taken now to change our lifestyles.

Already around half of adults in Kent are overweight, with one in three affected by high blood pressure and two thirds with high cholesterol.

Diabetes is also creeping up on many without them even knowing about it.

So staying aware of what's happening to your body now is the best way to avoid problems in later life.

The Tesco Health Check became available on Wednesday. It is an easy way to stay on top of your health, by assessing your current fitness and whether you risk developing problems in the future, says Tesco.

The four-in-one Health Check comprises: weight management, blood pressure check, total cholesterol check and diabetes screening. Undertaken in a private

consultation area, a typical appointment lasts about half an hour and costs just £20.

To mark the launch it is available for £10 during this month, making it an affordable way to get the New Year off to a healthy start after the calorie overload from Christmas.

Results are available immediately and are explained by the pharmacist, who will also provide appropriate lifestyle advice and guidance on any next steps you might need to take.

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# Isle have a luxury health spa and restaurant

AN AMBITIOUS entrepreneur is hoping to bring a touch of five-star luxury to the Isle of Sheppey.

Property developer Mitchell Barney, 42, has spent £700,000 and 11 months transforming a derelict site in Sheerness into a glamorous health club, spa, restaurant and bar.

The Piranha Lounge, in Warden Bay Road, Leysdown, incorporates a members-only swimming pool, gym, whirlpool spa, sauna and aromatherapy/massage room, as well as an up-market restaurant and bar.

True to its name, there is also a piranha tank on display.

The food and décor is inspired by the Middle East, Asia, North Africa and Europe, which are all places the experienced head chef has worked.

This has led to an eclectic menu that includes everything from Moroccan, Indian and Thai dishes to Italian antipasti, caviar and lobster, as well as more traditional British dishes, such as Shepherd's Pie and Sunday roasts.

The décor attempts to blend modern influences with a hint of the exotic, combining leather seating booths, floor to ceiling glass and low-lit Moroccan lanterns and North

By **PHIL REILLY**

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African wall art.

Mr Barney said the Piranha Lounge was the only business of its kind in Kent.

He said: "You can go to these new retail parks with superstores, like Bluewater and they have restaurants and health spas.

"I thought, why can't we combine that? You can have a little combination of going to a nice restaurant with excellent food and ambience and the experience of a five-star health club or spa."

Mr Barney added: "We are looking for up-market clientele, we want middle-class people who wouldn't normally afford a five-star health spa. We want to give them the feeling of coming into a five-star health spa at half the price."

The bar and restaurant are not members-only and in keeping with the menu, the range of entertainments on offer is equally exotic and eclectic. As well as music from around the world, the weekend sees the arrival of belly dancers, snake dancers and live fire-eaters.

But Mr Barney's ambitious plans do not end with a mere health spa, bar and restau-



rant. He has applied for planning permission to build a 50-60 room hotel extension to the building, which, if approved, he hopes to open before the end of 2009. He is also hoping to turn the Piranha Lounge into a brand, has already pur-

chased a second site in Nottinghamshire and is eyeing up a third.

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# New Year promises for your tresses

By **CHRIS MURPHY**  
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IT'S not just you that needs to sort out your New Year resolutions; your hair needs some promises kept too so it stays luscious all year long.

The start of 2008 could mean a fresh new start for your locks, which is why the experts at Graham Webb International have come up with a top 10 list of tips.

The chain of salons, including Eltham, Bromley, Sevenoaks, Orpington, Bexleyheath, Tunbridge Wells, Beckenham, Sidcup, Tonbridge and Greenwich, is renowned as leaders in training.

So what's their advice?

1. Have your hair cut every six-eight weeks even if you are trying to grow it.

2. Constantly wearing your hair in a ponytail or just leaving it loose all the time is boring and suggests it's time for a change. Dare to be different – go for a brand new hairstyle to really turn heads.

3. Add some carefully placed colour to brighten up your complexion and highlight your style.



4. Invest in proper products specially formulated for your hair type.

5. Use a deep conditioning treatment every week.

6. Stop brushing your hair when it is wet. Instead use a wide-toothed comb.

7. Use some of that Christmas money to treat yourself to some natural bristle brushes – they will leave your locks so much smoother.

8. Spritz your tresses with a heat protective spray before you use straighteners or tongs.

9. But leave the heated appliances for the weekend, as they are very damaging to your hair.

10. Give your hair a day off once a week. Let your locks dry naturally and forgo the styling products.

If your hair needs taming, why not hide it under a very on-trend hat? Cloches and berets are best.

# Get award-winning colour for your hair

A HAIRDRESSER has scooped a major award as one of the UK top professional hair colourists.

Charlotte Gale, from Dover, works at leading hair salon, Richard Allen, in Canterbury.

The owner says he is delighted to be the only salon in the county to take such a major award.

It follows her graduation from the hairdressing industry's most prestigious colour course, earning her the accolade as a Wella Professionals Master Colour Expert.

Mr Allen said: "We are so happy for Charlotte. She has worked so hard for this and we are all delighted her skills have been recognised like this."

She is one of only 150 in the country to take the sought-after award, which will have a major impact on her availability as demands starts to soar.

Mr Allen said their clients in the city and surrounding area can now benefit from one of hairdressing's elite with the highest levels of technical colour expertise, personal hair colour consultations and creativity.

The award was first created to acknowledge the industry's most skilled hair colourists. The accreditation focuses on all aspects of hair colouring and is a result of a four-stage training curriculum.

Taking part in the final stage is by invitation only and is offered only to those who demonstrate superior talent.

Mr Allen said: "With Charlotte you know your hair will be treated by some of the very best hands in the



**EXPERT: Charlotte Gale**

business. You could say it's like your colourist being awarded the three Michelin stars of the restaurant world."

Charlotte, 26, said: "I'm so proud to have become a Wella Professionals Master Colour Expert. I've always had a huge passion for hair colouring and it is one of the most technical things to get right in the salon."

"It's so much more than just mixing different colours, you really have to get under your clients skin by looking at hair type, hairstyle, skin tone and lifestyle, to ensure the best colour advice and results."

Mr Allen is at 19-23 Lower Bridge Street, Canterbury, on 01227 780439/780480 or richard.allen523@virgin.net.

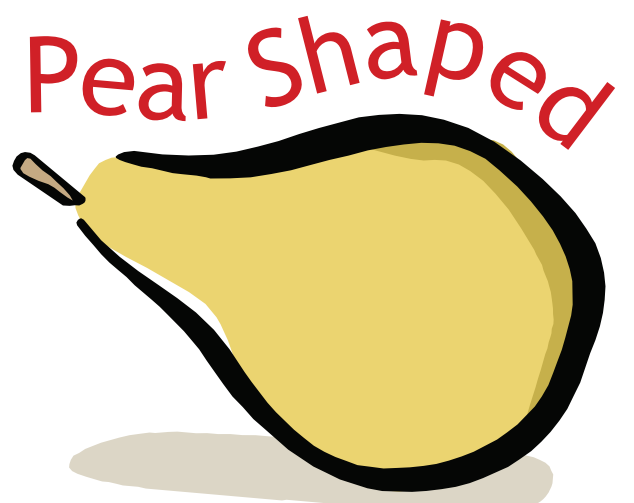
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Villages and village life	<input type="checkbox"/>
Historic buildings & features	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dark skies	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amenities (eg public houses, Post Office)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Available local produce	<input type="checkbox"/>
Visitor attractions eg gardens	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public rights of way network	<input type="checkbox"/>
Locally distinct highways	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please state any others that are important to you:

■ Please let us know what you think are the most important priorities for action in the Kent Downs AONB – please tick three.

### Priorities for action

	Please tick top three
Prevention of illegal or damaging activities (e.g. fly-tipping, abandoned cars, etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conserving wildlife	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conserving and enhancing views and scenic beauty	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conserving tranquillity – traffic, development, visitor pressure etc (please state which)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Preventing inappropriate conversion or loss of historic buildings	<input type="checkbox"/>
Management of equine land use	<input type="checkbox"/>
Availability of information about access to the AONB countryside	<input type="checkbox"/>
More information on features of AONB landscape (eg old field boundaries, coppice woodland etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>
More organised events, festivals etc	<input type="checkbox"/>
Research and response to climate change	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Action needed to improve enjoyment of the AONB

	Please tick top three
Encourage farmers to adopt more environmentally-sensitive farming techniques.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improve sustainable transport, bus links, cycle routes and racks, walkers shelters etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ensure peace and quiet – traffic management, control of illegal off road use in the countryside etc	<input type="checkbox"/>
Greater emphasis on development control	<input type="checkbox"/>
Getting out and about – removal of stiles, better way marking of access routes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Better information on wildlife in the AONB	<input type="checkbox"/>
More information on where to go in the AONB – eg woodland, gardens, historic sites, community orchards etc	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improve or increase number of visitor facilities (e.g. car parking, public WCs) at key sites.	<input type="checkbox"/>
More information on what local produce is produced in the AONB and where to get it.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Highways management that respects the sensitivity of the AONB landscape.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Control of light pollution to protect dark night skies.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please add any priorities/actions that are important to you

We are offering a half case of Kent Downs wine or an iPod shuffle to the first two entries drawn out of the hat on Friday, February 1, 2008. If you would like to be entered for the draw please supply your name and address (right). You will be entered into the draw if you provide feedback through the website, email or post.

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# KENT ON SUNDAY

## COMMENT

## Brown's green talk is cheap

THERE is no doubt the Government talks the talk when it comes to the environment.

Gordon Brown has vowed not only to meet various targets, but to make Britain a world leader in tackling climate change. He said as much when he addressed the Bali conference in November.

But words are cheap, and so far actions have not always measured up to the oft-stated lofty aspirations.

If Mr Brown and his colleagues are serious about meeting the challenge they have set themselves then one of the things they need to do is reduce the numbers of people using their cars. Certainly, they need to give people no extra reasons for choosing their cars over public transport.

The train fare hikes are doing just that.

Not only is it more expensive in many cases to get on the train than in the car, but it is getting more so. If the Government was serious about getting people out of their cars, fares would be reduced so much that it was clearly to people's advantage to take the train.

Another environmental test will be the Government's decision on the new Kingsnorth coal-fired power station.

Critics say that if the Government intends to meet carbon emissions targets, let alone act as a global leader, then it would be wise to veto Kingsnorth and consign coal-burning stations to history.

Ministers have made it clear they are looking at a range of options for future power stations, including coal.

If they choose to give Kingsnorth the green light they will need to make a compelling case for it.

## OPINION: Optimistic outlook

## Cllr PAUL CARTER looks forward to the coming year



I WOULD like to wish Kent a happy and prosperous 2008.

The start of a year is a time to look forward, as well as to reflect on the last 12 months. I am pleased with Kent County Council's achievements during 2007, many of which have been recognised through independent assessment by government inspectors.

We achieved many accolades. The way we look after older and vulnerable people was given the top rating by government for the sixth year running. The three star rating from the Commission for Social Care Inspection, the highest rating possible, means that adult social care in Kent is one of only four of England's 150 local authorities to receive the top rating every year since the inspection system began.

We were praised for our services for children and young people by Ofsted and the Commission for Social Care Inspection. Our services for children, young people and schools maintained three stars, with outstanding capacity to improve further. The leadership of services for children and young people was also rated as outstanding.

We were delighted to be presented with the award for Transport Authority of The Year. This was the result of much innovation, the great success of Fastrack in Dartford and Gravesham and the highly successful introduction of the Kent Freedom Pass in June 2007. Nearly 5000 young people have

already taken advantage of the scheme which allows students aged 11 to 16 free travel on bus services in Kent once they have purchased a pass for a one-off fee of £50. The scheme will be rolled out across Kent by 2009.

And for the second year running, Kent has been awarded the highest level four award by the Audit Commission for its use of resources despite ever tougher criteria.

We are endeavouring to keep the council tax increase as low as possible for 2008-09 despite a government grant settlement that necessitates some £30m of real savings and efficiencies. We would very much like to set council tax in line with the level of inflation (currently 4.2 per cent RPI). This will only be possible if the government reimburses us for the full cost of looking after unaccompanied asylum-seeking children. Currently we are owed some £8 million which we are lobbying government to have reimbursed. Ministerial meetings are being set up in early February with the objective of finding a solution. We are totally committed to caring for these vulnerable children who have often been through significant hardship, but it is unfair if Kent taxpayers have to foot the bill.

This is an extremely exciting time for education in the county and I am delighted to be overseeing the biggest transformation for many years.

Last year's school results particularly at key stage 4 were excellent. We will continue to expand our pioneering apprenticeship and vocational training programmes which will help more young people to acquire the skills that the commercial world is so desperate for. KCC is piloting a range of innovative strategies for 14 to 24 year olds which will deliver enormous rewards in future years.

Quality employment opportunities are totally dependent upon a strong and growing economy in the county of Kent. Our support to the Kent economy will continue to be a top priority for many years to come.

I hope businesses will choose Kent as their ideal location with our proximity to London and mainland Europe. Kent has so much to offer and there are so many exciting developments evolving around the county.

In east Kent there are a whole range of opportunities such as the London Array windfarm technology potentially being serviced from Ramsgate harbour,

exciting development opportunities at Manston Airport and the build of the Turner Contemporary gallery.

The Channel Tunnel Rail Link domestic services opening in 2009 from Ebbsfleet, Ashford and Folkestone, and the improved connectivity across the county to London, should not be underestimated in terms of its effect in stimulating and further supporting inward investment and Kent's enormous competitive advantage, compared to other parts of the South East.

Working with our partners we will continue to deliver the very best public services and help to stimulate the right climate for a growing, strengthening economy that will provide job opportunities for generations to come.

There are exciting opportunities in the public and private sector in Kent, I am very optimistic about the outlook for 2008 and beyond.

• **Cllr Carter is leader of Kent County Council.**



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### BIRTHS

#### ALLDIS

Ben and Jay Alldis celebrate the birth of their daughter Amy Dove on 16th December 2007.

#### AUSTIN

Caitlin Martha Anne born on 25th December 2007 at Sidcup, weighing 6lb 7oz. Daughter to Graham and Sara Austin of Sevenoaks.

#### BOSTOCK

Jason and Amy celebrate the birth of their daughter Juliet Amy born on the 19th December 2007. Mummy and Daddys special little nibbler.

#### BRUCE

Liam Thomas born on 20th December 2007, weighing 5lbs 15oz. Son to Tom and Emma in Broadstairs

#### BURRETT

Evie Mae, Mia Marie and Alfie George born on 27th December 2007, weighing 3lbs 4 oz, 3lbs 10oz and 3lbs 2oz. Triplets to Laine and Belinda in Ramsgate.

#### CLARKE

Clare and David of Canterbury are very proud, and delighted, to announce the birth of their son, Zachary Ashton Clarke, on 27th November 2007.

#### COBILL

Lola Naomi born on 23rd December 2007 weighing 8lb 6oz. Daughter to Gavin and Sarah sister to Megan in Tonbridge.

#### FARRELL

Rubie Nicola - Jade born on 30th November 2007, weighing 7lb 8oz. Daughter to Simon and Jade in Ramsgate.

#### GIGNEY

Nicola Cornish and Clive Gigney are proud to announce to birth of their son Ray Aaron Thomas Gigney, born on 14th December 2007 weighing 9lb 7oz. You are the best Christmas present we could have asked for.

#### HALL

Rob and Lisa of Faversham celebrate the birth of their son Elliott Michael Tate on 2nd December 2007. A little brother for MacKenzie.

#### HARPER

Eddie Milo born on 27th December 2007, weighing 9lb 1oz to proud parents Mark and Teena of Tunbridge Wells.

#### INGRAM

James Stephen Ingram born at Pembury Hospital on 23rd December 2007, weighing 5lb 9oz. Son to Barry and Kaylee of Edenbridge.

#### JEFFRIES

Kaitlyn Amanda born on 18th December 2007, weighing 6lb 15oz. Daughter to Ryan and Sara in Margate.

#### JEYS

Adam and Charmaine celebrate the birth of their son Elliot William Jeyes on 12th December 2007, weighing 7lb 14oz

#### JOSLYN - WARNER

Isabelle born on 24th November 2007, weighing 6lb 4oz. Daughter to Phil and Nichola in Maidstone. You are the miracle who we will love and treasure forever.

#### KENNEDY-SMITH

Jill and Paul would like to announce the arrival of their beautiful twins Jamie and Libby born on the 21st December 2007.

#### KNOX

To Ed and Samantha of Bekesbourne, a beautiful daughter, Erin Samantha, born on 2nd December 2007. A new baby sister for Liam, Laura and Ellie.

#### LAZELL

Charlie John Lazell born to proud parents John and Lyndsey on 23rd December 2007 weighing 8lb 15oz. Mummy and Daddys special boy.

#### MALONE

Cassandra and Michael celebrate the birth of their son Alfie Jude born on the 19th December 2007. Mummy and Daddys special little angel.

#### MEADWELL

Albert James Meadwell, born 18th December 2007, to Deborah and James. A brother for Phoebe.

#### MEARS

Candice and Terry Mears celebrate the birth of their lovely daughter Keelie Mears. Born on 7th December 2007. Little sister to Wesley.

#### NORMAN

James Davey Norman born on 17th November 2007, weighing 9lb 8oz. Son to Colin and Karen in Headcorn.

#### PALMER

Philip and Lisa Palmer celebrate the birth of their daughter Lola Patricia Palmer on 19th November 2007.

#### REEVES

Lexi born on 7th December 2007, weighing 8lbs. 4oz. Daughter to Jonathan and Stacey. Sister to Codie and Keya.

#### ROLLS

Tony and Jo Rolls of Tonbridge celebrate the birth of their daughter Amy Joanna Rolls on 28th November 2007.

#### SIVYER

Jenny and Graham are pleased to announce the safe arrival of James Robert Edward on 14th December 2007, weighing 3lb 13 oz.

#### SMITH

Michael and Laura are pleased to announce the birth of their beautiful little boy Harrison Christopher Smith on 16th December 2007, weighing 6lb.

#### TAYLOR

Susan and Paul are delighted to announce the births of their twins James and Jasmine born on 9th December 2007 at Darent Valley Hospital Dartford

#### TERRY

To Daren and Cerian of Whitstable a beautiful baby daughter, Tia Rose, born on 19th November 2007. A new sister for Harvey and Fynn.

#### THURLEY

Dawn and John Thurley of Leybourne celebrate the birth of their daughter Lucy Jean Thurley on 17th December 2007.

#### WELLS

Andrew and Tracey Wells of Snodland celebrate the birth of their son Ethan Samuel Thomas Wells on 9th December 2007, weighing 6lb 2oz.

#### WHITCOMBE

Faith Neve born 14th December 2007 weighing 7lb 6oz in Canterbury daughter to Alana and Stuart.

#### WILLOUGHBY

Bobby and Sue of Whitstable are both pleased and proud to announce the birth of their son, Brook Daniel Willoughby, on 6th December 2007. Brook weighed 8lb 10oz.

### DEATHS

#### ASPINALL

In loving memory of Stephen Jeffery, a Wonderful Husband, Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad who fell asleep on 20th December 2007 after a short illness, aged 80 years. Sadly missed by all your Family and Friends. Now with the Angels. From your loving wife Betty and all of your Family.

#### BAKER

Eric Arthur of Tonbridge passed away on 21st December 2007. Loved and missed by Family and Friends. Enquires to Son David 07768 232353

#### BRYAN

Dora Bryan sadly passed away on 23rd December 2007. Funeral service to be held 11.45am on 9th January at Vinters Park Crematorium. All enquiries to Pickard and Beale in Maidstone.

#### CLARK

Ann Passed away in Margate Hospital on 23rd December 2007 will be sadly missed by Husband Edgar children and Grandchildren.

#### COLEMAN / WINCH

Eileen Alice of Edenbridge passed away peacefully on 28th December 2007. Will be sadly missed by her family and friends

#### DICKINSON

Betty Dickinson died peacefully on 22nd December 2007. The service took place at Thanet Crematorium at 12.00pm on Friday 4th January.

#### ELDRIDGE

Bernard Eldridge, formerly of Bell Lane in Ditton, passed away on 22nd December 2007, aged 94. Funeral service to be held at Vinters Park Crematorium in Maidstone on 11th January 2008 at 2.45pm.

#### GREENWOOD

John Greenwood of Whitfield passed away after a short illness at The Pilgrims Hospice, Canterbury on 20th December 2007. Loving husband of Hayley. He will be very sadly missed.

#### HARRIS

Kathleen Sarah Mabel Harris died peacefully on 15th December 2007. Funeral service at Thanet Crematorium at 11.20am on 31st December 2007

#### HAYWARD

Edith Hayward of Aylesham passed away very suddenly at her home on 17th December 2007. Loved and missed by her family.

#### HOWELL

Joan Muriel Ivy Howell of Ashford, passed away suddenly but peacefully on 16th December 2007. Funeral to be held at Charing on 7th January 2007 at 2.40pm. Sadly missed by family and friends.

#### HUMPHRIES

Charles of Tunbridge Wells passed away peacefully on 20th December 2007 aged 94 years. Loving husband of Dottie. Funeral enquiries via Hickmotts of Tunbridge Wells

#### JARVIS

A loved one is not gone until they are forgotten and to live in the hearts of those left behind is to live forever. Norma Kathleen Jarvis passed away 20th December 2007

#### LAMBERT

Penny Lambert of Saltwood Hythe, died 29th December, aged 60. Funeral 16th January at SS Peter and Paul Saltwood at 11.30am. All welcome. This will be a celebration of her life, no black please at her request.

#### LOFT

Ivy Loft died peacefully on 27th December 2007. Funeral Service at Salvation Army, Gravesend, at 11.15am, cremation at Medway Crematorium at 12.20pm on Tuesday 15th January 2008.

#### McALLISTER

Dorcas Rowan passed away peacefully at the William Harvey Hospital on 23rd December 2007. Will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

#### MYRANS

Dorothy Lesley Myrans of Herne Bay passed away peacefully on 20th December 2007. Widow of Harry and loving mother to Sarah, Richard and Harry. Funeral enquiries to A Welch

#### ROLLO

John Dunning Rollo of Maidstone passed away on 22nd December 2007. He will be sadly missed by his wife, daughters and grandchildren. Enquiries to Pickard and Beale Maidstone.

#### SPAIN

John Henry Spain of Maidstone passed away on 22nd December 2007. Enquiries to Doves Funeral Directors Maidstone

#### STEPHENS

Bunny Stephens of Stourmouth passed away peacefully on 20th December 2007. A loving husband, father and grandfather who will be very sadly missed. The funeral took place at Barham on 31st December and a thanksgiving service was held at St Vincents Church, Littlebourne.

#### WARDLE

Tel died suddenly 22nd December 2007 at home in Dover will be sadly missed by his partner Sylvia and son Joe and all who know him. Cremation at Hawkinge Crematorium Wednesday 9th January 1.15pm all welcome.

#### WATSON

Edna Gladys of Hadlow passed away peacefully on 27th December 2007 aged 77 years. Much loved Mum and Granny will be sadly missed.

#### WILDE

Jack Wilde died peacefully at The Heart of Kent Hospice 28th December 2007. Beloved husband of Yvonne Wilde. Its so hard to say Goodbye.

#### WILLIAMS

Ellen Williams (known as Helen) passed away peacefully on 28th December 2007 at Darent Valley Hospital. Much loved wife, mum and grandma. She will be very sadly missed. Funeral enquiries to Co-operative Funeral Care Dartford.



## Remember how Al-Qaeda loves tall towers

My wife and I, after living for more than 30 years in Windmill Hill in Gravesend, moved to Ludlow, a town in Shropshire that has learnt to protect its heritage against all-comers, especially avaricious property speculators.

The end result is proud residents and ever-rising visitor numbers.

When we lived in Gravesend we had beautiful views over the river and town and, like many Gravesendians, were proud of the town's history and riverside location.

The central area around the High Street was particularly valuable and, I always thought, marketable in the future.

It is undoubtedly a proven fact that, as our society becomes more faceless, particularly as new developments are concerned, people will want to seek out the sentimental security of towns with protected heritage sites.

This is why I was horrified to learn that Gravesend council, in a long tradition of councils that have slowly eroded the true values of Gravesend, has decided to erect a 32-storey tower right in the middle of a heritage area.

I really thought it was some sort of sick joke or the first step towards competing with Canary Wharf.

After all, to protect the heritage site the council had invested millions of pounds and to what avail?

I would urge the caring residents of Gravesend and the council not to let this misguided decision go ahead.

You will surely regret it and, just as an afterthought, remember that Al Qaeda love tall, vulnerable towers!

*Gwynfor Owen-Davies  
Shropshire*

## Bring all schools up to grammar standards

You have given Martin Frey many opportunities to promote his anti-grammar school campaign so I trust you will allow me to reply to his latest letter last Sunday under the wholly misleading heading "Help for the less able".

His sneering response to your previous correspondent merely confirms that his true motivation is envy.

Does he really believe that abolishing grammar schools would lessen disruptive behaviour elsewhere or does he think such behaviour is inevitable and merely needs to be spread around more?

How will that help the less able he claims to speak for?

And where on earth does he get the absurd notion from, that academically bright children are not disturbed by the disruptive behaviour of others?

Would it not be better to stop disruptive behaviour or remove the perpetrators?

But of course, that is too simple. Instead of trying to destroy the successful part of our education system, Mr Frey would better serve the interests of mainstream children by campaigning to bring all schools up to the grammar standard.

For that to happen two things must change: powers for maintaining proper discipline and the woeful attitude of sadly too many over-indulgent and disinterested parents which results in lack of support and respect for teachers.

*EG Egan  
Harrietsham*

## Why can't the church leave gay issue alone?

That the Bishop of Rochester is heading for a clash with dithering Archbishop Williams over the gay issue and whether or not to attend the Lambeth Conference is no surprise really.

It is just further proof that, as Archbishop Tutu recently reiterated, the Church of England is "obsessed with gays rather than

# In tribute to Jonathan

MAY I once again thank the Kent on Sunday team for an excellent weekly publication and I wish you all a happy and successful new year.

Your article on the sudden death of Jonathan Witchell of BBC Radio Kent was particularly appropriate.

I had known Jonathan since 2001 when he produced the Saturday Carry On show with Paul James and Paul Harris.

I have written a tribute to a man I much admired and whose talents I feel had him destined for higher things in the field of broadcasting.

In memory of a listeners' favourite:

"The shock of Jonathan Witchell's sudden and untimely death reverberates around the county and beyond. A shining light in the broadcasting firmament has been extinguished.

"Anyone who met him cannot but have been impressed by him and his energy, drive, enthusiasm and dynamism. His knack of dealing with people in all walks of life was second to none. A true professional in his craft. Broadcasting is the poorer for this loss. I feel honoured and privileged to have known him."

*John Gamet  
Keston*

concentrating on more important issues".

Indeed the only bright spot recently was Mr Tutu's 'apology' to the worldwide gay community on a Manchester gay radio station.

It's a great pity that Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali does not want to follow his lead on this.

You'd think he would be far more sympathetic given the abuse and threats he himself has received since converting from Islam to Christianity.

Gay people have suffered similar and far worse abuses from religion for many centuries. A recent report from campaign group Stonewall revealed that more than 60 per cent of gay school students have and are suffering homophobic bullying with one in six receiving death threats.

It must now though be time for a complete change on this issue so that the church really can concentrate on the more important issues.

That the Lambeth Conference is threatened by a rival one due to this issue is a disgrace and will only lead to further recriminations and time wasting.

*Ray Duff  
Folkestone*

## Drug addicts are thoughtless and selfish

I was interested in your article on page six of last week's paper headed "Outrage over doctor's claim heroin addiction is a moral weakness".

I sympathise with some of Theodore Dalrymple's views although I would not go so far as to abolish drug rehab clinics entirely as he suggests.

The fact is that drug addicts commit a huge amount of crime.

A typical junkie commits over 400 crimes a year which represents 400 victims a year or eight victims a week. The cost of this crime is £13 billion a year.

You cannot have people walking the streets who are committing this much crime.

Drug addicts are, therefore, very selfish, thoughtless and inconsiderate people, they take drugs at first knowing full well that they could become hooked and inflict misery on their victims and yet they are still selfish enough to take drugs.

It's no good saying that drug addicts

## Listeners' favourite dies at 33

By **PETER BOYES**  
editorial@kosmedia.co.uk

TRIBUTES have been paid to an award-winning BBC Radio Kent reporter who has died at the young age of 33.

Jonathan Witchell, of Sevenouka, passed away on Saturday following a short illness. Paul Leaper, the managing editor of BBC Radio Kent, said: "This has been one of the hardest weeks in Radio Kent's history.

"Jonathan will be remembered as someone who loved Kent and loved radio.

"He had creative flair and scrupulous attention to detail. He was simply one of the station's best all-rounders.

"I know he'll be sorely missed by all his colleagues and listeners to BBC Radio Kent. Our hearts go out to his family at this difficult time."

Mr Witchell joined BBC Radio Kent nearly 10 years ago as a broadcast journalist.

The corporation said he quickly became a firm favourite, gaining great affection from both listeners and colleagues.

Born and raised in Kent, he studied at Salford University before completing a Masters degree at Stirling University.

His broadcasting career began at Hospital Radio Bromley, followed by stints at BBC Radio Devon and BBC Radio Lincolnshire.

He joined BBC Radio Kent in 1998 and contributed to a number of the station's programmes.



**AWARD WINNER: Jonathan Witchell**

Paul James and Paul Harris. Mr Witchell's documentary Bond in Kent won him the award for Best Broadcast Journalist of the Year.

Last year, Mr Witchell spent time with new journalists in St Paul's, Kent, producing reports for the BBC.

This summer he worked on a project with Dave Cus Walker to mark the 40th anniversary of the abolition of pirate radio.

Mr Witchell, who was single, had a stomach complaint, his death is as yet unknown.

Details of the funeral are to be confirmed. However, if listeners wish to donate to the BBC Radio Kent fund, please contact the station.

Write to BBC Radio Kent, The Mount Pleasant Road, Tunbridge Wells TN11 1QQ, or email radio@kent.bbc.co.uk

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## Why we should focus on trying to be perfect

According to your correspondent Terry Hudson on December 23 we should all be perfect; well unfortunately life isn't like that and no matter which position we hold in life, many do break the law intentionally or visa versa. Meredydd Hughes – the chief constable caught speeding – and Stephen Ladyman broke the speed limit but they paid the penalty.

I care full time for my 91-year-old mother and during this time I made one mistake with her medication. Luckily she was alright, but I paid a penalty for this mistake with guilt, but a lesson was learnt to be more careful in the future.

As with speeding, a matter of life or death.

So I'm sure that Terry must agree, if we want to see the demise of these cameras we must comply with the law.

*James Mason  
Sittingbourne*

## Open the big book in 2008 and learn values

While more people shopped on the internet than attended church this Christmas, there can be no doubt that Britain still has a strong Christian heritage.

Even atheist Richard Dawkins confesses to singing Christmas carols, and believes children should grow up with a knowledge of the Bible.

So, how about it? Read the Bible in 2008. Those of all faiths and none would benefit from rediscovering the beliefs and values that underpin much of our history and culture.

For any who want to take up the challenge, I'd be happy to provide a plan which I've used for some time, enabling you to read the whole Bible over the course of a year. Please contact me on mail@richardbenson.info.

*Richard Benson  
Cardiff*

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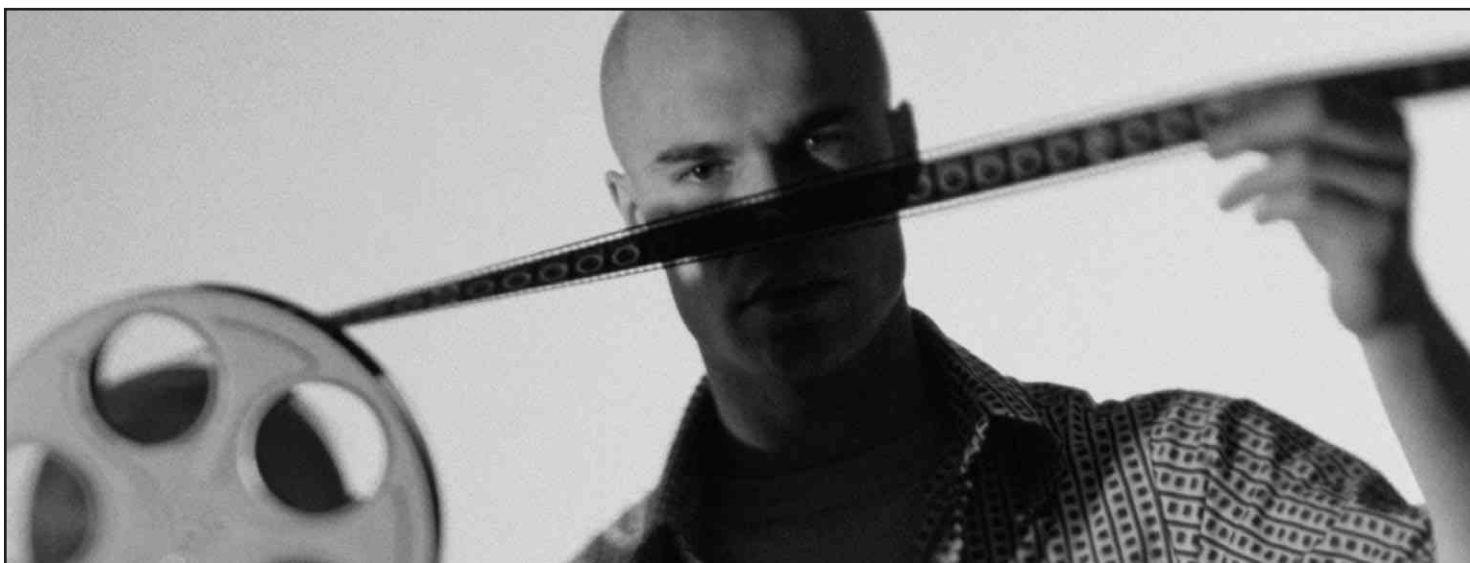
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**SILVER SCREEN:** Teenagers can learn all about the art of making films and can do courses in acting, scriptwriting and dancing

## Your first step in film

### Cinema company offers theatre and screen courses

TEENAGERS who dream of stage and screen can take their first steps towards a career in theatre and film thanks to a Kent cinema company.

Kino, which runs digital cinemas in Sevenoaks and Hawkhurst, is launching a range of courses teaching everything from acting and dance to scriptwriting and filmmaking.

For young actors, the company is starting its own youth theatre troupe with the ambition of performing on stage in full productions. These will take place at The Stag Theatre in Sevenoaks, which was transformed into a cinema by Kino little over a year ago.

By **PHIL REILLY**

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For those aged between 13 and 16 who are more comfortable behind the scenes, the company has drafted in industry professionals to teach scriptwriting and film-making.

Budding screenwriters will be able to hear their scripts read by professional actors and future directors will also be able to see their short films projected onto Kino's own cinema screens.

Tamara Wilder, Kino's outreach and community coordinator, said the courses were a big step for a company that had previously only operated cinemas.

She said: "It came from an idea that it should not just be about getting people to see a movie. We want to allow people to get involved, and we want the Sevenoaks theatre to be a hub for

the community to do that.

"The courses cover a wide range of the arts and wellbeing and we feel we can offer something completely unique.

"We can showcase people's work. We can show short films on the big screen and have performances on the stage. We can even have performances in front of the screen, which is a very contemporary art form that is happening a lot in the West End.

"These are the first courses we've run and we hope to expand in the future."

Although many of the courses are for children and teenagers, there are also classes for adults in acting and dance.

The courses run from January to April but it is not too late to join. For more information, including a full list of courses and prices, call 01732 451548 or email kinoetc@kinocinemas.co.uk.

## Giving students a vocation choice

STUDENTS in Medway will be among the first in the country to take the Government's new vocational diplomas.

From September this year 14-19 year olds at 10 schools and colleges in Medway will be able to study for one of five new qualifications: Information Technology, Engineering, Health and Social Care, Creative and Media.

The diplomas are linked to industry and give students hands-on work experience in the relevant sectors.

The Government plans to roll out 17 vocational diploma courses across the country by 2013, and Medway is one of 97 councils chosen to pilot the first wave of courses. They will be offered alongside GCSEs and A-Levels.

There are three levels of diploma: foundation, higher and advanced. Foundation is equivalent to five GCSE passes, Higher is equal to seven GCSEs at grades A\*-C and Advanced is worth three-and-a-half A-Levels.

Rose Collinson, Medway's director of children's services, said: "Diplomas will offer young people work-relevant qualifications which will make them very employable in the future. Employers as well as further and higher education providers are looking for people with the right mix of qualifications and key skills that enable them to be successful at work and the diplomas are designed to ensure exactly that.

"The diploma pathways will provide an excellent base from which to progress into higher education and the work place."

**THERE** is a wide range of family programmes available allowing parents to learn alongside their children, according to the adult education service.

Taking part can create opportunities to develop a more active part in the learning process of children.

There are 12 district community-learning managers who work together with schools and local groups to organise the family courses, which in many cases run alongside school curriculums.

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## FINANCE ASSISTANT

Kent Scheme, Band 5, Points 14-17  
£16,221 - £17,842 (£5,891 - £6,579 pro-rata)  
15 hours per week (term time plus 3 weeks)  
Hours: 10:00am - 1:00pm  
Start: ASAP

It is preferred that applicants should have previous experience of working in a school office and in using the SIMS FMS6 finance system otherwise the applicant must have the ability to quickly become proficient in the school's financial systems following training.

## RECEPTIONIST/CLERICAL ASSISTANT

Kent Scheme, Band 3, Points 7-11  
£13,619 - £15,440 (£6,896 - £7,591 pro-rata)  
20 hours per week (term time plus 3 weeks)  
Hours: 12:30 - 4:30pm  
Start: ASAP

The successful applicant will have a good general knowledge of Microsoft Office applications, have proficient keyboard skills and have previous administrative and receptionist experience not necessarily gained in a school environment.

For more information or to request an application pack for either position, please contact Tanya Neil our Office Manager.

Closing date: Friday 18th January 2008

Interviews:

Finance Assistant - Tuesday 29th January 2008  
Receptionist/Clerical Assistant - Thursday 31st January 2008

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\*\* Advertising Companies Please \*\*



## Central Control Operator - 16 hrs per week £17,043 - £24,444 pro rata Planning & Communities

Our Housing Services team are seeking to recruit a further member of staff to join its busy 24 hour Control Centre, monitoring Lifeline Clients, CCTV surveillance system and Telecare.

The shift system is varied and covers the full 24 hour clock, 365 days per year. Therefore unsocial working hours forms an integral part of this demanding post and post-holders will be expected to be flexible in their approach.

Post-holders are expected to be proactive in their approach to problem solving and a "Can Do" attitude is essential. A calm disposition and an ability to multi-task is also a vital requirement.

Additionally in order to fulfil this demanding role you will need:

- Excellent communication and observation skills.
- First Class hearing and a clear speaking voice.
- You will have the ability to prioritise your work-load in a high pressure environment.
- Good administration skills, including data entry and computer literate.

Applicants will be holders of, or make a commitment to study for the 'Edexcel National Certificate for Central Control Operators' and will be subject to receipt of satisfactory enhanced disclosure check from the Criminal Records Bureau and Airwaves check.

Initially the post-holder will be based at Philippa House Control Centre however in the early part of the new year the team will transfer to a purpose built Control Room Suite at the Civic Centre.

For further information about these posts, please contact Angela Vince or Shelley Squance on 01303 242971.

Application details can be downloaded at [www.shepway.gov.uk](http://www.shepway.gov.uk), or email [jobs@shepway.gov.uk](mailto:jobs@shepway.gov.uk) alternatively call our 24 hour answerphone service on 01303 853481.

The closing date for completed application forms is Friday 18 January 2008

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## MEDWAY TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES



### PRIMARY SCHOOLS

#### Teacher

#### Warren Wood Community Primary School and Language Unit

Specialist teacher  
(mixed year 3/4/5 class)  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full Time and fixed term contract  
Required From: 21 April 2008  
Closing date: 7 January 2008  
To apply/more information  
Kerry Trim, Assistant Headteacher  
Warren Wood community Primary  
School and language unit  
Arethusa Road  
Rochester  
Kent ME1 2UR  
Telephone - (01634) 337227  
Email [trimk001@medway.org.uk](mailto:trimk001@medway.org.uk)

#### Thames View Junior School

KS2 Teacher  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Part time and temporary  
Required From: 25 February 2008  
Closing date: 10 January 2008  
To apply/more information  
Linda Lowrey, Headteacher  
Thames View Junior School  
Bloors Lane, Rainham  
Gillingham  
Kent ME8 7DX  
Telephone - (01634) 232540  
Email [office@thamesview-jun.medway.sch.uk](mailto:office@thamesview-jun.medway.sch.uk)

#### Deputy Headteacher

#### Fairview Community Primary School

Deputy Headteacher  
Salary: Leadership scale 10 - 14  
Full time and permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 18 January 2008  
To apply/more information  
Debbie Willis, Headteacher  
Fairview Community Primary School  
Drewery Drive  
Wigmore  
Gillingham  
Kent ME8 0NV  
Telephone - (01634) 338710  
Email [headteacher@fairviewprimary.medway.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@fairviewprimary.medway.sch.uk)

### SPECIAL EDUCATION

#### Rivermead

Teacher of general subjects  
Salary: MPS + SEN allowance (£1818)  
Full Time and permanent  
Required From: to be confirmed  
Closing date: 15 January 2008  
To apply/more information  
Mrs Karen Watkin, office manager  
Rivermead School  
Forge Lane  
Gillingham  
Kent ME7 1UG  
Telephone - (01634) 338348  
Email: [office@rivermead.medway.sch.uk](mailto:office@rivermead.medway.sch.uk)

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### Supply NVQ Assessor Health & Social Care

Various hours available. Salary range £17,640 – £25,294 pro rata per annum.

Post Ref: S/NVQ/KOS



### Senior Nursery Officer – Education and Curriculum

37 hrs per week. Salary starting from £16,284 per annum.

Post Ref: 08/04/KOS



### Curriculum Support Assistant Music

18.5 hrs per week, 38 weeks term time. Salary starting from £18,285 pro rata per annum.

Post Ref: 08/03/KOS



### Curriculum Support Assistant – Beauty

18.5 hrs per week, 38 weeks term time. Salary starting from £18,285 pro rata per annum.

Post ref: 04/118/KOS



### Learning Support – Independent Living & Leisure Skills

37 hrs per week, 38 weeks term time. Salary starting from £16,284 pro rata per annum. One Year fixed term post

Post Ref: 07/71/KOS



### Resource Assistant/Placement Organiser

18.5 hrs per week. Salary starting from £14,464 pro rata per annum.

Post Ref: RA17/KOS



### Central Administrator

37 hrs per week. Salary starting from £14,464 per annum.

Post Ref: 06/157/KOS



### Central Administrator

27 hrs per week. Salary starting from £14,464 pro rata per annum.

Post Ref: 07/48/KOS



### Supply Trainer Demonstrator Motor Vehicle

Various hours available. Salary starting from £18,285 pro rata per annum.

Post Ref: S/TD/KOS

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### Section Manager Equine, Animal Care and Veterinary Nursing

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £32,648 per annum.

Post ref: 08/08/KOS



### Temporary Train to Gain Manager

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £32,648 per annum.

Fixed term post for up to 18 months.

Post Ref: 08/09/KOS



### Lecturer Motor Vehicle

37 hrs per week, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 per annum.

Post Ref: 07/29/KOS

### Lecturer Health & Social Care

18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.

Post Ref: 05/39/KOS



### Lecturer Beauty Therapy

18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.

Post Ref: 08/05/KOS



### Key Skills Lecturer – Travel & Tourism

22.2 hrs per week, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.

Post Ref: 06/09/KOS

### Lecturer History

9.25 hrs per week, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.

Post Ref: 00/131/KOS



### Lecturer Dyslexia/Dyscalculia

37 hrs per week, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 per annum.

Post Ref: 06/210/KOS

### Lecturer Key Skills

18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.

Post Ref: 08/10/KOS



### Supply Lecturers are required in the following areas:

Various hours available, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.



### Basic Skills (at Canterbury and Sheppey College)

Post Ref: S/BS/KOS

### Floristry

Post Ref: S/FL/KOS



### Equine Studies

Post Ref: S/EQ

### Health & Social Care

Post Ref: S/HSC/KOS

### Early Years

Post Ref: S/EY/KOS

### Health & Social Care (with a maternity nurse background)

Post Ref: S/MAT/KOS

### HE Supply Lecturers are required in the following areas:

Please specify your area/s of expertise in your application form.

Various hours available, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.

### HND Music Technology

Post Ref: S/HE/KOS

### HND Music Performance

Post Ref: S/HE/KOS

### BA (Hons) Creative Music Production & Technology

Post Ref: S/HE/KOS

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## CANTERBURY CAMPUS

### Computing Services

## Computer Liaison Officer (Two Posts)

**£27,466 to £29,139 per annum**

Following a restructure of our Computing Services Department, we're seeking two additional experienced professionals to join the Computing Liaison Team. As part of this small team, you'll proactively develop the department's relationship with the faculties - you'll also identify the potential benefits of IT, help to establish business cases, and meet the needs of key stakeholders in this field.

Educated to degree level, you'll combine project management experience with the proven ability to enable the interaction of IT and business operation. It's also important that you are an excellent communicator who is comfortable liaising at all levels of our organisation. A specific background in IT support would be an advantage, as would experience of developing service level agreements. **Ref: CLO/CS/77.**

**Interview date: 21 & 22 February 2008.**

## Web Systems Administrator/ Programmer

**£27,466 to £29,139 per annum (A higher salary may be available for an exceptional candidate)**

As part of our Infrastructure Group, you'll provide expert technical support and development across our IT infrastructure. You will take responsibility for a number of key web services - and make a real contribution to our strategic projects, including an integrated identity management system.

Along with experience of web application development technologies and IIS/Windows Server administration, you'll need good interpersonal skills, a flexible approach, and familiarity with internet protocols. Ideally, you will have a working knowledge of C#, .Net, SQL, and XHTML - as well as a strong understanding of web technologies such as ADO, AJAX, ASP, XML and CSS. **Ref: WSA2/CS/77.**

*For an informal discussion on either of these vacancies, please contact Louise Sibley on 01227 782522.*

### Student Support & Guidance

## Student Adviser (Dyslexia & Neuro-Diversity)

**£22,332 to £24,403 per annum**

You will be responsible for prospective and registered students with dyslexia and neuro-diverse conditions (such as dyspraxia and Asperger syndrome), ensuring that the University provides appropriate support for their needs.

We are seeking a team member to provide advice, guidance and information to students and to advise other University staff on appropriate, reasonable adjustments to enable access to the curriculum and all aspects of student life.

You will be educated to at least A level standard or equivalent and be able to demonstrate that you have broad experience of working in a supportive capacity with people with neuro-diverse conditions (in either an educational or voluntary sector setting). Further study or professional development in the field of dyslexia and/or neuro-diversity would be advantageous. **Ref: SA/SSG/77.**

### Library Services

## Faculty Liaison Librarian (Health & Social Care)

**£25,134 to £26,666 per annum**

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic librarian to join the Academic Services team at a busy University Library. You will be responsible for sharing academic liaison for the Health & Social Care Faculty, and will contribute to the provision of a library service which is responsive to the needs of all students and staff.

A qualified librarian, you should have previous professional library experience, ideally within the university sector. Excellent presentation and communication skills, along with a good working knowledge of information resources, are essential. You must have a commitment to continued professional development and be able to work independently, as well as part of a team. **Ref: FLL2/LS/77.**

### Sport Science, Tourism and Leisure

## Lecturer/Senior Lecturer in Sport and Exercise Science (Biomechanics)

**£26,666 to £40,335 per annum**

Applications are invited for a full-time post of Lecturer/Senior Lecturer in Sport and Exercise Science to teach Biomechanics on a range of undergraduate programmes as well as contributing to the Department's expanding research programme. Applicants who can also contribute to other areas of sport and exercise science including research methods will be particularly welcome.

Applicants should possess a relevant first and/or higher degree and ideally should also possess a research degree and BASES accreditation. **Ref: BIO/SSTL/77.**

*Informal enquiries to the Head of Department, Dr Chris Bull on 01227 782334.*

**The starting date is 1 April 2008 or as soon as possible thereafter.**

### Campus Services

## Security Porter

**£13,739 to £15,300 per annum**

You will be responsible for maintaining the general security of the University premises including residential and office accommodation, maintaining CCTV surveillance, setting intruder and fire alarms and reacting to breaches of security. There will be some receptionist and switchboard duties particularly at nights and weekends.

You will have previous security related experience preferably within an educational establishment or similar, be of smart appearance with demonstrable interpersonal skills. You will have excellent communication skills and be able to use the telephone and e-mail systems. A relevant SIA licence will be an advantage.

Shift allocations and duties are variable and flexibility is required. There will be both day and night shift working at any one of our sites although this post will be predominantly a night shift post and you must recognise this as part of the role. **Ref: SP4/CAM/77.**

### Accommodation Office

## Security Caretaker (20 hours)

**£13,739 to £15,300 per annum pro rata**

The University has a wide range of student accommodation housing some 1,500 students in either self-catering flats or in catered halls spread over different sites, both on and off campus. During vacations they are also available for conferences and commercial letting.

You will be an integral part of a small team which helps to secure and maintain the student living environment at the University Halls of Residence sites.

With a background in caretaking/security in the public sector you will be able to deliver an excellent level of customer service, possess good communication and interpersonal skills and have a 'can do' approach to minor repairs, maintenance and general duties.

The hours of work will be Friday afternoon, Saturday and Sunday. **Ref: SC2/ACC/77.**

## Night Warden (Two Posts)

**£13,739 to £15,300 per annum**

The University has a wide range of student accommodation housing some 1,500 students in either self-catering flats or in catered halls. The accommodation is spread over different sites, both on and off campus in Canterbury and during vacations they are available for conferences and commercial letting.

Reporting to the Accommodation Services Manager you will help to secure and maintain the student living environment on the University Halls of Residence sites working a varied shift roster any 5 days out of 7, mainly night shifts. The successful applicant, will nevertheless, need to be flexible and with due notice (usually a month's notice of change) accept shift changes readily.

With a background in caretaking/security in the public sector you will be able to deliver as part of a central security team an excellent level of customer service to students, staff and visitors to the University. You will also have good communication and interpersonal skills. **Ref: NW1/ACC/77.**

### Campus Catering Services

## Executive Head Chef

**£25,134 to £26,666 per annum**

Working with the Front of House and Catering Systems Manager this is a key managerial post to move the catering service forward.

With at least NVQ Level 2/3 in Food Preparation and Cooking you will have worked in an institutional catering environment at Head Chef level. You will also be in possession of a current Intermediate Food Hygiene Certificate and have been actively involved (preferably led) the introduction of HACCP into a food production kitchen.

You should be conscientious with flair and creativity and be keen to lead an excellent culinary team towards continuing success. Proven leadership skills, financial acumen, communication skills and flair, imagination and enthusiasm for food are essential as is the ability to work in a very busy environment. Ideally you will have experience of working in Higher Education. **Ref: EHC1/CAT/77.**

### Department of Childhood Studies (Location to be confirmed)

## Lecturer/Senior Lecturer - Physical Education

**£27,466 to £40,335 per annum**

You will be a dynamic member of staff working with the existing Physical Education team at an exciting time, when new initiatives are being designed and implemented. You will teach across a range of programmes, including the BA/BSc Physical Education and Sport & Exercise Science, and also will make significant contributions to the ongoing development of Physical Education at the University

You will have a Masters degree (or a commitment to undertake one) and be familiar with current national and international developments and issues in the field of Physical Education. Experience of, or research interest in Inclusion and/or social and cultural aspects of Physical Education are desirable. **Ref: LSL9/CHS/77.**

*Informal enquiries to the Programme Director Paul Carney on 01227 782877 or paul.carney@canterbury.ac.uk*

### Department of Educational Research & NICER

## Research Fellow in Early Years (Fixed Term for 2 years)

**£25,134 to £26,666 per annum**

Attached to an early years project on character and values education, you will carry out fieldwork, be responsible for analysis and literature reviews and contribute to the writing of reports and materials for a new project beginning in the Autumn Term 2007.

You will be enthusiastic and committed, contributing towards a dynamic and ambitious group of researchers and practitioners. Your subject background will be less important than strong generic research skills, the ability to deliver work of the highest quality and to work as part of a team. **Ref: RF1/TEM/77.**

*For an information discussion, please contact Professor James Arthur on 01227 782277.*

### Office of The Pro-Vice Chancellor (Academic)

## Academic Registrar

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We are seeking to appoint an outstanding individual to the post of Academic Registrar. This is a senior position offering an exciting opportunity to contribute to the strategic direction and management of several important dimensions of student administration within the university.

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You will be qualified to degree level or equivalent, preferably to higher degree or doctorate level. You will have extensive, senior and relevant experience, including managing a mainframe database, managing staff and budgets, preferably within a Higher Education environment. Excellent communication, interpersonal and organisational skills are essential. **Ref: ACA/APA/77.**

## MEDWAY CAMPUS

### Allied Health Professions

## Senior Lecturer in Speech & Language Therapy (0.5fte)

**£32,796 to £40,335 per annum pro rata**

We are looking for an HPC-registered Speech and Language Therapist to join the enthusiastic SLT team supporting the Post Graduate Diploma in Speech and Language Therapy delivered jointly with University of Greenwich.

You will have expertise in working with adults with communication disorders, and although not essential, you may also have an interest in voice, applied linguistics, adult learning disabilities, or hearing impairment. You will develop this as a key role with existing colleagues from Canterbury Christ Church University and University of Greenwich. You will hold a relevant degree and be interested in extending your professional profile. **Ref: SLT1/AHP/77.**

*For informal discussion, please contact Professor Kate Springett, Head of Department, on 01227 782935 or kate.springett@canterbury.ac.uk or Marian McCormick on 01634 894432 or marian.mccormick@canterbury.ac.uk*

**Closing date: 1 February 2008.**

## SALOMONS' CAMPUS, TUNBRIDGE WELLS

### Computing Services

## Campus Support Lead

**£27,466 to £29,139 per annum**

As part of our User Technology team, you'll provide essential support to a wide range of users - resolving any problems they are experiencing with hardware, software, networking and AV. While based at the Salomons campus, you will on occasion need to travel to other campuses across Kent.

Having previously worked in a Computing Support environment, you must be an experienced IT professional with plenty of initiative. Self-motivation and flexibility are essential in this role, along with good communication skills at all levels. **Ref: CSL/CS/77.**

*For an informal discussion please contact Louise Sibley on 01227 782522.*

**Application forms and further details are available from [www.canterbury.ac.uk](http://www.canterbury.ac.uk). Alternatively please call 01227 782475 (answerphone) or e-mail [hr@canterbury.ac.uk](mailto:hr@canterbury.ac.uk) quoting the appropriate reference. No agencies.**

**Closing date unless stated: 25 January 2008.**



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## Events Officer

Salary Level 5 £20,674 - £22,776 37 hours per week  
Post Ref: 08/11/KOS

We are seeking an experienced and talented individual to take responsibility for the development of the college's internal and commercial events programme. You will establish and manage the events strategy for the college's new £50 million city centre campus including conferencing facilities, as part of the active Business Development Team. The strategy you implement will require close working with the college's marketing and communications team as well as close work with the college's faculties in support of the college's overall strategic aims.

You will use your skills and vision to maximise the impact of the colleges existing calendar of events and generate new opportunities.

You will have broad experience of pitching for, planning and delivering high quality events including awards ceremonies, conferences, bespoke meetings and exhibitions. You will understand the marketing and communications value of events and have an innovative commercial attitude.

To be successful, you will have a closely relevant professional qualification and possess a high level of communication and interpersonal skills and the ability to influence and work with colleagues across the college.

You will also have a commitment to educational and training values, and to Equal Opportunities.

For an application pack please visit [www.cant-col.ac.uk](http://www.cant-col.ac.uk) or call the Personnel Office on 01227 811282 (24hr answerphone) quoting the post reference.

The closing date for the above post is Friday 18 January 2008 at 12 noon. Interviews will be held on Thursday 31 January.

### Staff benefits include:

- Pensions and Life Assurance Scheme
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- Proximity to Main bus/train Stations
- Generous Holiday Allowance
- Close to City Centre
- Staff Discount Scheme

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## Social Worker (Specialist Palliative Care)

(Job Ref: COM0859D)

Salary: £22,122 – £33,291 p.a. (pq award bar at point 38)

Location: The Wisdom Hospice, Rochester

Managing your own caseload, you will assess and respond to the needs of adults facing serious illness, death and bereavement, with opportunities to work with individuals, families and in groups. As an advocate for service users who are at the end of life, you will deal with complex practice issues and ethical dilemmas. You will work within a small team of specialist social workers who are integrated into the multi-professional team, and work in partnership with health colleagues to provide high quality, seamless, therapeutic care. The service is provided across the Medway and Swale area, where service users are seen in the community, on the ward and in Day Hospice.

Within a supportive work environment, you will receive excellent supervision and mentoring opportunities including the chance to attend relevant internal and external courses.

In addition to a DipSW or CQSW, you must have demonstrable post qualification experience of working with people affected by serious illness. You must be registered, or in the process of registering with the GSCC. A full driving licence is essential.

Any offer of employment for this post will be subject to an Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure.

For an informal discussion, please contact Ann McMurray, Social Work Manager, Palliative Care or Marilyn Russell, Senior Practitioner on 01634 830456.

Closing date: 25 January 2008

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# Sheppey College

Sheppey College is a satellite of Canterbury College, a leading Higher Education and Further Education College. We are looking for motivated people to join our team and help us change lives for the better and achieve our goal of being one of the best colleges by 2010.

## Lecturer Construction – Wood Occupations

37 hrs per week, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 per annum.

Post Ref: 05/60/KOS

## Lecturer Hairdressing

14.8 hrs per week, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.

Post Ref: 08/07/KOS

Supply Lecturers are required in the following areas:

### Administration

Various hours available, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.

Post Ref: SH/Admin/KOS

### Cache

Various hours available, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.

Post Ref: SH/Cache/KOS

### Construction

Various hours available, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.

Post Ref: SH/Con/KOS

### Basic Skills (at Canterbury and Sheppey College)

Various hours available, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.

Post Ref: S/BS/KOS

### Text & Word Processing

Various hours available, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.

Post Ref: SH/TWP/KOS

### Supported Learning

Various hours available, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.

Post Ref: SH/SL/KOS

## Caretaker

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £14,464 per annum.

Post Ref: 04/03/KOS

## Supply Learning Support

Various hours available, salary starting from £16,284 pro rata per annum. Please specify your area/s of expertise in your application form.

## Beauty

Post Ref: SH/LS/KOS

## Childcare

Post Ref: SH/LS/KOS

## Supported Learning

Post Ref: SH/LS/KOS

## Leisure and Tourism

Post Ref: SH/LS/KOS

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This is an exciting opportunity to be involved in the development of Playing for Success (PFS) in Kent. We are in a position to extend the project and will, therefore, be looking to make the following appointments.

### Centre Managers

**Soulbury 5 – 8 £34,620 - £37,794 pa**

**Margate Football Club - Ref: CFE/07/0478**  
**From April 2008**

**Kent County Cricket Club, Canterbury -**  
**Ref: CFE/07/0479**  
**From September 2008**

**Buckmore Park Karting Circuit, Maidstone -**  
**Ref: CFE/07/0481**  
**From April 2008**

This is an exciting opportunity to lead one of our innovative Study Support Centre's which is part of the DCSF PFS initiative.

Working in partnership with the Club, you will play an influential role in the LA's development of out-of-school hours learning.

The Centre's are based in purpose built, fully equipped classrooms and will offer an exciting and challenging environment where young people in Key Stages 2/3 participate in out-of-school hours learning.

You will be responsible for planning, managing and delivering a programme of out-of-school hours learning to raise levels of achievement (literacy, numeracy and ICT) and to increase young people's motivation to learn. Close links with local schools, the Club, partners and the wider community will need to be established and maintained.

As a qualified teacher with experience of curriculum development in literacy/numeracy/ICT, you should also have experience of education management and ideally, of working with young people outside the classroom. An interest in sport would be desirable.

### Assistant Centre Manager

**Soulbury 1-3 £30,423 - £32,541 pa**  
**Countywide - Ref: CFE/07/0480**  
**From September 2008**

Working in partnership with all the Managers, you will play an influential role in the future development of the Centres. You will need to be a teacher with experience of curriculum development in literacy/numeracy/ICT.

All posts are subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau.

**Closing date: midday, 23 January 2008.**  
**Interview date: w/c 11 February 2008.**

### Business Development Managers

**Kent Adult Education Service**

**Starting salary £29,190, with progression through**  
**contribution related pay to £34,507 per annum**

**Sittingbourne - Ref: CD/07/0278**

**Post 1: maternity leave cover until February 2009**

**Post 2: permanent**

As a creative thinker, you will be able to work both independently and as part of a team to provide innovative solutions to the implementation of strategy for widening participation and business development. Both posts will be based in Sittingbourne, post one will cover Thanet and East Kent, post two will cover primarily Gravesend and Dartford.

Educated to degree level with experience of sales and marketing, you'll have a proven track record in developing partnerships at a district or regional level leading to joint projects. A key aspect is to generate income for Kent Adult Education.

Post one is a temporary position to cover maternity leave until February 2009, a start date will be agreed upon appointment.

**Closing date: 21 January 2008.**

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## ADMINISTRATION, SECRETARIAL, PA

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Administrator**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Maidstone**  
**SALARY:**  
**Hourly rate of pay to be negotiated**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Russell Hotel (The)**  
Required to input data.  
**TO APPLY:**  
Claire Burton  
Russell Hotel (The)  
Tel: 01622 692221  
Email [sales@therussellhotel.com](mailto:sales@therussellhotel.com)

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Dental Receptionist**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Maidstone**  
**SALARY:**  
**TBC**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Marden Dental Surgery**  
Required by Marden Dental Surgery.  
Please Call Email:  
**TO APPLY:**  
Marden Dental Surgery  
Tel: 01622 831556 or 07860560051  
Email [mardentsurg@btopenworld.com](mailto:mardentsurg@btopenworld.com)

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Finance Assistant**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Dover**  
**SALARY:**  
**Kent Scheme, Band 5, Points 14-17 - £16,221 - £17, 842 (£5,891 - £6,579 pro-rata)**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Harbour School**  
15 hours per week (term time plus 3 weeks). Hours: 10:00am - 1:00pm. It is preferred that applicants should have previous experience of working in a school office and in using the SIMS FMS6 finance system otherwise the applicant must have the ability to quickly become proficient in the school's financial systems following training.  
Interviews: Tuesday 29th January 2008. No agencies or Advertising Companies Please.  
**TO APPLY:**  
Tanya Neil - Office Manager  
Harbour School  
Tel: 01304 201964  
Email [office@harbour.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@harbour.kent.sch.uk)  
**CLOSING DATE**  
Friday 18th January 2008

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Part-time Office Clerk**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Gravesend**  
**SALARY:**  
**£6.60 per hour plus statutory holidays**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Barrett & Co Ltd**  
A small family print firm in Gravesend is looking for a part-time assistant in their general office. The hours are 2pm to 5pm Monday to Friday. The applicant should have good spoken English and be confident dealing with clients on the telephone. Knowledge of Word is important, together with filing, credit control and general office skills.  
**TO APPLY:**  
Julie Barrett & Co Ltd  
Tel: 01795 522921  
Email [juliembarrett@btinternet.com](mailto:juliembarrett@btinternet.com)

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Personal Assistant / Administrator**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Medway**  
**SALARY:**  
**£18,702 - £21,682 per annum**  
**COMPANY:**  
**University of Greenwich**  
To act as Personal Assistant to a senior member of staff of the Greenwich Research & Enterprise office (GRE) at Medway, and to provide, as required, administrative services to GRE staff on the Medway Campus. Duties involve production of documentation, organisation of diaries and meetings (including the annual series of Pembroke Lectures), preparation of papers and minute taking, planning and organising travel arrangements and contacting people both inside and outside the University. You must have a flexible attitude to work, the ability to work accurately under pressure and as a team member. Experience of working in an academic environment is desirable, as is the willingness to travel and to work outside normal hours on occasions. This post is for an initial period of one year. To obtain further particulars and an application form, write to the Personnel Office, University of Greenwich, Avery Hill Road, London, SE9 2UG quoting the job reference. Applications should be returned by 5.00 pm on 18 January 2008.  
**TO APPLY:**  
University of Greenwich  
Email [Jobs@gre.ac.uk](mailto:Jobs@gre.ac.uk)  
**CLOSING DATE**  
5.00 pm on 18 January 2008

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Receptionist / Clerical Assistant**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Dover**  
**SALARY:**  
**Kent Scheme, Band 3, Points**

**7-11 - £13,619 - £15,440 (£6,696 - £7,591 pro-rata)**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Harbour School**  
20 hours per week (term time plus 3 weeks). Hours: 12:30am - 4:30pm. The successful applicant will have a good general knowledge of Microsoft Office applications, have proficient keyboard skills and have previous administrative and receptionist experience not necessarily gained in a school environment. Interviews: Thursday 31st January 2008. No agencies or Advertising Companies Please.  
**TO APPLY:**  
Tanya Neil - Office Manager  
Harbour School  
Tel: 01304 201964  
Email [office@harbour.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@harbour.kent.sch.uk)  
**CLOSING DATE**  
Friday 18th January 2008

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Service Administrator**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Folkestone**  
**SALARY:**  
**£14,197 to £15,153 (pro rata £7,674 to £8,190)**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Shepway & Dover Mediation Service**  
20 hours per week (Monday – Friday). This is a new role to provide administrative and office support for an established and expanding community organisation. Based in Folkestone, you will work with the Service Co-ordinator to maintain a high standard of service to our volunteers and service users. As well as sound computer and organisational skills, you will need excellent communication skills and preferably experience of working with the general public.  
**TO APPLY:**  
Shepway & Dover Mediation Service  
Tel: 01303 227296  
Email [shepwaymed@lineone.net](mailto:shepwaymed@lineone.net)

## AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, ENVIRONMENT

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Nursery Assistant**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Tonbridge**  
**SALARY:**  
**£11,000 - £12,000 per annum dependant on skills**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Coblands Nurseries**  
This is an excellent opportunity for anyone who enjoys working with plants and wishes to progress their career within the horticultural industry. This role will involve potting, weeding, watering and general maintenance of a wide range of container grown stock along with preparing plants ready for customer orders. The ideal candidate will work well as part of a team, be self-motivated and have a positive outlook on life. It would be desirable for candidates to have a horticultural qualification, although this is not essential. If you feel you have the necessary skills for this position, please send your CV and letter of application to Jo Dury, Coblands Nurseries, Trench Road, Tonbridge, Kent, TN11 9NG.  
**TO APPLY:**  
Coblands Nurseries  
Email [Jo.dury@coblands.co.uk](mailto:Jo.dury@coblands.co.uk)  
**CLOSING DATE**  
18th January 2008

## CATERING, HOSPITALITY

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Executive Head Chef**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Canterbury**  
**SALARY:**  
**£25,134 to £26,666 per annum**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Canterbury Christ Church University**  
**TO APPLY:**  
Canterbury Christ Church University  
Tel: 01227 782475  
Email [hr@canterbury.ac.uk](mailto:hr@canterbury.ac.uk)  
**CLOSING DATE**  
25 January 2008

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Various Opportunities**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Thanet**  
**SALARY:**  
**TBA**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Gala Casinos**  
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**TO APPLY:**  
Gala Casinos  
Tel: 01843 258732  
Email [applications@jobsforkent.co.uk](mailto:applications@jobsforkent.co.uk)

## EDUCATION, TEACHER, SCHOOL

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Deputy Headteacher**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Gillingham**  
**SALARY:**  
**Salary: Leadership scale 10 - 14**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Fairview Community Primary School**  
Required from 1 September 2008. Please contact Debbie Willis, Headteacher, Fairview Community Primary School, Drewery Drive Wigmore, Gillingham, Kent ME8 0NV  
**TO APPLY:**  
Debbie Willis  
Fairview Community Primary School  
Tel: 01634 338710  
Email [headteacher@fairviewprimary.medway.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@fairviewprimary.medway.sch.uk)  
**CLOSING DATE**  
18 January 2008

## ENGINEERING, MANUFACTURING, UTILITIES

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Depot Engineering Manager**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Kent**  
**SALARY:**  
**£37k - £41k per annum**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Arriva Southern Counties**  
Responsible for our depots at Guildford, Horsham and Cranleigh. You will work closely with the respective General Manager and Operations Manager to deliver key performance objectives in respect of service delivery, reliability and presentation within clearly defined budget limits. The successful applicant will be highly organised and task orientated, whilst being able to lead and motivate their workshop teams. Opportunities for career progression within Arriva plc, with its UK-wide and European transport businesses will be excellent for those that have the drive to deliver and succeed! In return, we offer a car option, performance related bonuses, continuous personal development and great career prospects. If you are interested in this challenging role, then please forward your CV with a brief covering letter to: Tony Ward, Engineering Director, Invicta House, Armstrong Road, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6TX.  
**TO APPLY:**  
Tony Ward  
Arriva Southern Counties  
Email [wardt.sc@arriva.co.uk](mailto:wardt.sc@arriva.co.uk)  
**CLOSING DATE**  
Friday, 18 January 2008

## INFORMATION TECH, INTERNET, TELECOMS

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Full Time ICT Technician**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Rochester**  
**SALARY:**  
**Medway Grade D2 - Salary range £14,492 - £18,430 pro rata**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School**  
You will work as part of a team of three technicians to oversee all aspects of the school's curriculum network, building and testing applications, liaising with suppliers or providers in fault finding and fixing. The ability to work under pressure and have a flexible approach to your workload is a necessity. Any offer of appointment will be subject to an enhanced Criminal Record Bureau Disclosure. Please contact Mrs J J Freeman for an application form and job specification on 01634 844008.  
Email: [sirjosephwilliamson.medway.sch.uk](mailto:sirjosephwilliamson.medway.sch.uk)  
Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School, Maidstone Road, Rochester, Kent ME1 3EL  
**TO APPLY:**  
Mrs J Freeman  
Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School  
Tel: 01634 844008  
Email [applications@jobsforkent.co.uk](mailto:applications@jobsforkent.co.uk)  
**CLOSING DATE**  
21st January 2008

## LEISURE, TOURISM, TRAVEL

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Chef**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Dover**  
**SALARY:**  
**up to £20k**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Thanet Leisure Force**  
**TO APPLY:**  
Sam Rose  
Thanet Leisure Force  
Tel: 01843 227959  
Email [sam.rose@leisureforce.co.uk](mailto:sam.rose@leisureforce.co.uk)  
**CLOSING DATE**  
7th January 2008

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Highways Borough of Ashford

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(SWAIN ROAD, TENTERDEN)  
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Swain Road, Tenterden from junction of Ox Lane and Harbourne Lane on or after 21 January 2008 for an estimated period of up to 6 weeks or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above is for eastbound traffic via Ashford Road (A28), Church Hill, Harbourne Lane, Swain Road for westbound traffic vice versa.

Southern Gas Networks apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary for gas mains replacement. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Stuart Kelly of Morrison Utility Services on 01233 714082.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(BAGHAM LANE, ASHFORD)  
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2007  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Bagham Lane at its junction with the A252, Maidstone Road, on or after Monday 7 January 2008 for an estimated period of up to 1 week or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for northbound traffic on Bagham Lane is via Bagham Lane, Ashford Road (A28) and Maidstone Road (A252) with southbound being vice versa.

Mid Kent Water apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary to lay a new water main. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Nicola Stone on 01634 873290.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(SWAN LANE, LITTLE CHART)  
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2007  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Swan Lane, Little Chart from junction of West Street on or after 7 January 2008 for an estimated period of up to 1 night or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above is for northbound traffic via Swan Lane, Pluckley Road, towards Hurstford Lane and West Street and for southbound traffic vice versa.

BT Openreach apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary for gully cleaning. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Nicola Webb of A-Plant Lux Traffic Control & Management on 01666 822000.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(LONG HILL, ASHFORD)  
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2007  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Long Hill between the junctions of the A252 Maidstone Road to New Cut Road on or after Monday 21 January 2008 for an estimated period of up to 1 week or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for southbound traffic on Long Hill is via New Cut Road, the A252 Maidstone Road, with northbound being vice versa.

Mid Kent Water apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are to lay new water mains. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Nicola Stone on 01634 873290.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(GODINTON ROAD, ASHFORD)  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by traffic on the Godinton Road slip road, Ashford between West Street and Elwick Road on or after 21st January 2008 for an estimated period of four weeks, or until such BT diversion works are complete and a further forty weeks, or until such road construction works are complete, at such times and to such extent as shall be indicated by traffic signs.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via New Street (heading westwards away from the Somerset Road junction), Chart Road (southwards), Carlton Road (eastwards) and through the Carlton Road Busgate onto Godinton Road.

Highways - City of Canterbury

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(IFFIN LANE, CHARTHAM)  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by traffic on Iffin Lane, Chartham, from its junction with Chartham Downs Road to its junction with Merton Lane on or after 7th January 2008 for an estimated period of three weeks, or until such junction improvements works are complete, at such times and to such extent as shall be indicated by traffic signs.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Chartham Downs Road, B2068 Fausett Hill, B2068 Nackington Road and Merton Lane.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(NARGATE STREET, LITTLEBOURNE)  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by traffic on Nargate Street, Littlebourne, from its junction with A257 High Street for a distance of 100 metres on or after 7th January 2008, for an estimated period of two weeks or until the installation of new kerbing and bollards is complete, at such times and to such extent as shall be indicated by traffic signs.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Church Road and Jubilee Road.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(HATCH LANE, CHARTHAM)  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by traffic on Hatch Lane, Chartham, from its junction with A28 Ashford Road, a distance northwards of 25 metres on or after 7th January 2008 for an estimated period of five weeks or until such works are complete, at such times and to such extent as shall be indicated by traffic signs.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Hatch Lane, Town Lane, Howfield Lane and A28 Ashford Road.

Highways - Borough of Dartford

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
LINGFIELD AVENUE, DARTFORD  
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY  
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic travelling from A226 London Road in the Direction of B2500 Watling Street for its entire length.

The Order will become effective on 7th January 2008, for a period of six weeks or, until completion of the planned works. This restriction will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: A226 London Road/The Brent, B2500 Watling Street, Lingfield Avenue.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate Gas Main Renewal Works on behalf of Scotia Gas Networks.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
KNOLE ROAD, DARTFORD  
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY  
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Knole Road at its junction with Shepherds Lane.

The Order will become effective on 7th January 2008, for a period of five days or, until completion of the planned works. This closure will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Chastilian Road and Heather Drive.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate Highway drainage improvement works by Kent Highway Services.

Highways - District of Dover

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(DOVER) (TRAFFIC REGULATION AND STREET PARKING PLACES)  
(AMENDMENT No 7) ORDER 2008

NOTICE is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL propose to make the above named Order, under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and 4(2), 32(1), 35(1) and 53 of the road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The effect of the Order will be:

1. to introduce changes to waiting restrictions or parking places in Park Street and High Street, Deal.
2. to introduce a loading bay and loading restrictions in High Street.
3. to provide disabled drivers parking bays in Park Street.
4. to relocate the taxi rank in Park Street.

Full details are contained in the draft Order which together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays Dover District Council, Council Offices, White Cliffs Business Park, Dover CT16 3PG during normal opening hours.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send the grounds in writing to Transportation Manager, Kent Highway Services, 2 Beer Cart Lane, Canterbury CT1 2NN or by email to kent.highwayservices@kent.gov.uk by noon on Monday 28 January 2008.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(SHAKESPEARE ROAD, DOVER)  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by traffic on Shakespeare Road, Dover, between its junction with B2011 Folkestone Road and its junction with Churchill Road on or after 7th January 2008, for an estimated period of 30 weeks or until such works are complete. The initial works will be the pre-patching of damaged carriageway, followed at a later date by surfacing works. Both sets of works will be kept to a minimum period. The Order will continue in force for a period not exceeding eighteen months at such times and to such extent as shall be indicated by traffic signs.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via B2011 Folkestone Road, Maxton Road, Hardwicke Road and Shakespeare Road.

Highways - Borough of Gravesham

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
HIGH STREET, GRAVESEND  
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY  
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on High Street, Gravesend at its junction with New Road and King Street for a distance of approximately 50 metres.

The Order will become effective on 8th January 2008, for a period of eight weeks, or, until completion of the planned works. This closure will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: New Road, Garrick Street, Barrack Road, Darnley Road, Bath Street, West Street.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate the construction of an archway feature over the pedestrian area by Gravesham Borough Council.

Highways - Borough of Maidstone

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(VARIOUS ROADS IN MAIDSTONE)  
(ROAD CLOSURE)TEMPORARY ORDER 2008

NOTICE is hereby given that to allow highway maintenance works to take place the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by traffic on the routes described in column 1 of the Schedule hereto on or after 7th January 2008 for an estimated period of one week or for a period not exceeding 18 months.

The alternative for each route described in column 1 of the Schedule hereto is described in column 2 of that Schedule.

THE SCHEDULE

The affected routes	The alternative routes
Barnes Road, Linton from its junction with Amsbury Road to its junction with Wheeler's Lane.	Health Road, Vanity Lane and Westerhill Road
Cork Lane Staplehurst, from its junction with Cranbrook Road to its junction with Gouldhurst Road.	Cranbrook Road, Pinnock Lane and Gouldhurst Road
Thorn Road, Marden, from its junction with Copper Lane to its junction with Widehurst Road.	Widehurst Road, Park Road, Howland Road, and Copper Lane
Shearway Lane, Headcorn, from its junction with Copper Lane to its junction with Bedlam Lane.	Grigg Lane, Oak Lane, Wheeler Street, Smarden Road, Headcorn Road and Bedlam Lane
Loddington Lane, Linton from its junction with Butt Green Lane to its junction with Heath Road.	Butt Green Lane, Linton Hill and Heath Road
Pile Farm Road, Staplehurst from its junction with Headcorn Road to its junction with Sweetlands Lane.	Headcorn Road and Sweetlands Lane
Frinsted Lane, Frinsted from its junction with Bottom Pond Road to its junction with Gossy Hill Road.	Bottom Pond Road, Frinstead Lane High Wood Rd and Gossy Hill Road
Cranbourne Road, Maidstone, from its junction with Ringwood Road to its junction with Plains Avenue.	Plains avenue, Marion Crescent and Cranbourne Avenue.
Workhouse Lane, East Farleigh, from its junction with Dean Street to its junction with Stockett Lane.	Dean Street, Heath Road and Stockett Lane

Advance road works information boards will be placed prior to works commencing on site, giving details as to when works are scheduled to commence and expected duration.

Order will only be effective when the appropriate signs are displayed.

Highways - District of Sevenoaks

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
HARTLEY BOTTOM ROAD, HARTLEY  
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY  
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Hartley Bottom Road, Hartley around the property known as White Cottage.

The Order will become effective on 21st January 2008, for a period of up to seven days or, until completion of the planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Hartley Bottom Road, Grange Lane, Church Road, Hartley Hill, Hartley Bottom Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate Water Service Connection works on Behalf of Mid Kent Water.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
ENSFIELD ROAD, LEIGH  
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY  
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Ensfield Road, Leigh between Well Close and Hayesden Lane.

The Order will become effective on 21st January 2008, with works commencing 23rd January 2008 for a period of three days or, until completion of the planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Hayesden Lane, Penshurst Road (Entire Length between Penshurst and Leigh), High Street, Leigh.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate Carriageway Resurfacing and Road Marking works by Kent Highway Services.

For further information, please contact Geoff Harrison-Mee,  
Director for Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate)  
or visit [www.kent.gov.uk/highways](http://www.kent.gov.uk/highways)





**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
PILGRIMS WAY, KEMSING  
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY  
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Pilgrims Way, Kemsing between its junctions with Rowdow and Childsbridge Lane.

The Order will become effective on 21st January 2008, for a period of 2 weeks between the hours of 09:30 and 15:00 or, until completion of the planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Pilgrims Way East, A225 Station Road, A225 Sevenoaks Road, A225 Otford Road, A25 Seal Road, A25 High Street, School Lane, Childsbridge Lane.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate Carriageway Patching works by Kent Highway Services.

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
WELL HILL, KNOCKHOLT  
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY  
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Well Hill, Knockholt between its junctions with Rock Hill and Firmingers Road.

The Order will become effective on 7th January 2008, for a period of one day in the following five days or, until completion of the planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Rock Hill and Firmingers Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate the erection of BT Telegraph Pole.

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
GILDENHILL ROAD, SWANLEY  
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY  
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Gildenhill Road, Swanley outside Holt Farm.

The Order will become effective on 7th January 2008, for a period of seven days or, until completion of the planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Wood Street, Swanley Village Road, School Lane, Lower Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate the installation of electrical cables in the carriageway.

**Highways - District of Shepway**

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(GEORGE GURR CRESCENT, FOLKESTONE)  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by traffic on the routes described in Column 1 of the Schedule hereto. The alternative route for each route described in Column 1 of the Schedule is described in Column 2 of that Schedule on or after 7th January 2008 for an estimated period of eight weeks or until the footway improvements are complete, at such times and to such extent as shall be indicated by traffic signs.

The “The Kent County Council (Various Roads, The District of Shepway) (Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic Movements) Consolidation Order 2004” in respect of the One Way Street on Fleming Way, Folkestone (from its junction with Montgomery Way to its junction with George

Gurr Crescent) will be temporarily suspended at such times as the traffic signs erected to indicate the effect of the Order on this road are covered or removed.

Schedule	
The affected routes	The alternative routes
<b>Phase 1</b>  George Gurr Crescent, Folkestone From its junction with Montgomery Way to its junction with Plimsoll Avenue	Montgomery Way and Plimsoll Avenue
<b>Phase 2</b>  George Gurr Crescent, Folkestone From its junction with Plimsoll Avenue to its junction with Fleming Way	Fleming Way and Montgomery Way

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(VICTORIA ROAD, HYTHE)  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2007  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because crane lifting works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Victoria Road, Hythe from the junction with West Parade for 25 metres on or after 9 January 2008 for an estimated period of seven days, between 9 January and 22 February 2008 or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Arthur Road, Stade Street and West Parade.

**Highways - Borough of Swale**

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(VARIOUS ROADS IN SWALE)  
(ROAD CLOSURE)TEMPORARY ORDER 2008**

NOTICE is hereby given that to allow highway maintenance works to take place the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by traffic on the routes described in column 1 of the Schedule hereto on or after 7th January 2008 for an estimated period of one week or for a period not exceeding 18 months.

THE SCHEDULE	
The affected routes	The alternative routes
Gordon Avenue, Queenborough for its entire length.	No Diversion Available
Stanley Avenue, Queenborough for its entire length.	No Diversion Available
Murston Road, Sittingbourne, from its junction with Canterbury Road to a point 10 metres north of Canterbury Road.	A2 Canterbury Road, Murston Road, Woodberry Drive, Keswick Avenue and Vincent Road
Rectory Road, Sittingbourne, from its junction with Canterbury Road to a point 10 metres south of Canterbury Road.	A2 Canterbury Road, Rectory Road and Swanstree Avenue.
Vincent Road, Sittingbourne, from its junction with Canterbury Road to a point 10 metres north of Canterbury Road.	A2 Canterbury Road, Murston Road, Woodberry Drive and Keswick Avenue.
Swanstree Avenue, Sittingbourne, from its junction with Canterbury Road to a point 10 metres south of Canterbury Road.	A2 Canterbury Road, Rectory Road and Swanstree Avenue.

Please Note Murston Road, Rectory Road, Vincent Road and Swanstree Avenue will be closed for approx one hour at any given time.

Advance road works information boards will be placed prior to works commencing on site, giving details as to when works are scheduled to commence and expected duration.

Order will only be effective when the appropriate signs are displayed.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(MONKSHILL ROAD LEVEL CROSSING, GRAVENEY)  
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Monkshill Road, Graveney on or after 23:45hrs Wednesday 09 January 2008 to 04:45hrs Thursday 10 January 2008. 23:45hrs Thursday 10 January 2008 to 04:45hrs Friday 10 January 2008. 23:55hrs Monday 28 January 2008 to 04:35hrs Tuesday 29 January 2008. 23:55hrs Tuesday 29 January 2008 to 04:35hrs Wednesday 30 January 2008. 23:55hrs Wednesday 30 January 2008 to 04:35hrs Thursday 31 January 2008. 23:55hrs Thursday 31 January 2008 to 04:35hrs Friday 01 February 2008. 22:00hrs Friday 01 February 2008 to 04:30hrs Monday 04 February 2008. 23:45hrs Monday 04 February 2008 to 04:45hrs Tuesday 05 February 2008. 23:45hrs Tuesday 05 February 2008 to 04:45hrs Wednesday 06 February 2008. 23:45hrs Wednesday 06 February 2008 to 04:45hrs Thursday 07 February 2008. 23:45hrs Thursday 07 February 2008 to 04:45hrs Friday 08 February 2008. 22:00hrs Friday 08 February 2008 to 04:00hrs Sunday 10 February 2008. 00:10hrs to 04:30hrs Tuesday 12 February 2008. 00:10hrs to 04:30hrs Wednesday 13 February 2008. 00:10hrs to 04:30hrs Thursday 14 February 2008. 00:10hrs to 04:30hrs Friday 15 February 2008. 00:10hrs to 04:30hrs Tuesday 01 April 2008. 00:10hrs to 04:30hrs Wednesday 02 April 2008. 00:10hrs to 04:30hrs Thursday 03 April 2008 and 00:10hrs to 04:30hrs Friday 04 April 2008 or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above is for eastbound traffic is Seasalter Road, Headhill Road, Thanet Way (A299) and westbound traffic vice versa.

Balfour Beatty Rail apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are part of track renewal. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Barbara Conway on 01777 705053.

**Highways - Borough of Tonbridge and  
Malling**

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
A227 TONBRIDGE ROAD, IGHTHAM  
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF TRAFFIC)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY  
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on A227 Tonbridge Road, Ightham between Back Lane and Ismays Road. This order will also prohibit vehicles travelling at a speed exceeding 30mph on A227 Tonbridge Road between its junctions with Rectory Lane and High Cross Road.

The Order will become effective on 21st January 2008, with works commencing 26th January 2008. The prohibition of all vehicles will be in place for a period of seven consecutive 48hr weekends and the speed restriction will be in place for 44 days between the hours of 09:00 and 16:00 or, until completion of the planned works. These closures and restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: A228 Bates Hill, Borough Green Road, A25 Ightham Bypass, Sevenoaks Road, A25 Bourne Vale Road, A224 Amhurst Hill, A225 Tonbridge Road

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate Carriageway Strengthening works by Kent Highway Services.

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
BASTED LANE/ PLOUGH HILL, BOROUGH GREEN  
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY  
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Basted Lane from its junction with Thong Lane to its junction with Mill Lane and Plough Hill from its junction with Mill Lane to its junction with Claygate Cross.

The Order will become effective on 21st January 2008, with works taking place from the 24th January, for a period of

3 days, or, until completion of the planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Claygate Cross, Winfield Lane, Crowhurst Lane, Thong Lane.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate Carriageway Resurfacing works by Kent Highway Services.

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
WESTERN ROAD, BOROUGH GREEN  
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2007  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY  
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Western Road, Borough Green for a distance of 100m either side of St Joseph’s Chapel.

The Order will become effective on 7th January 2008, for a period of two days or until completion of the planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: High Street and A25 Sevenoaks Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate surfacing works on the approach to the zebra crossing.

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
HOLLOW LANE, SNODLAND  
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2007  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY  
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Hollow Lane Snodland between its junctions with Malling Road and The Groves.

The Order will become effective on 7th January 2008, for a period of three weeks or, until completion of the planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: The Groves, Birling Road, St Katherine’s Lane, Malling Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate the installation of speed cushions by Kent Highway Services.

**Highways - Borough of Tunbridge Wells**

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(VARIOUS ROADS IN TUNBRIDGE WELLS)  
(ROAD CLOSURE)TEMPORARY ORDER 2007**

NOTICE is hereby given that to allow highway maintenance works to take place the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by traffic on the routes described in column 1 of the Schedule hereto on or after 4th February 2008 for an estimated period of 12 week’s or for a period not exceeding 18 months.

The alternative for each route described in column 1 of the Schedule hereto is described in column 2 of that Schedule.

THE SCHEDULE	
The affected routes	The alternative routes
Woodbury Park Road, from its junction with (A26) St Johns Road to its junction with Chilston Road.	(A26) St Johns Road, Queens Road and Chilston Road.
Queens Road, from its junction with (A26) St Johns Road to its junction with Chilston Road.	(A26) St Johns Road, Woodbury Park Road and Chilston Road.
Culverden Park, from its junction with (A26) St Johns Road to its junction Culverden Park Road.	(A26) St Johns Road, Culverden Down and Culverden Park.
Sandrock Road, from its junction with Pembury Road to its junction with Cleveland Drive.	Pembury Road, Sandrock Road, Lansdowne Road, Calverley Road and Calverley Park Gardens.

Advance road works information boards will be placed prior to works commencing on site, giving details as to when works are scheduled to commence and expected duration.

Order will only be effective when the appropriate signs are displayed.

**For further information, please contact Geoff Harrison-Mee,  
Director for Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate)  
or visit [www.kent.gov.uk/highways](http://www.kent.gov.uk/highways)**







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**Team Members**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Broadstairs**  
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**Starting Rate £5.59 per hour**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Mecca Bingo**  
**TO APPLY:**  
Mecca Bingo  
Tel: 01843 258 732  
Email  
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Various indoor leisure opportunities**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Kent**  
**SALARY:**  
**Various**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Thanet Leisure Force**  
**TO APPLY:**  
Sam Rose  
Thanet Leisure Force  
Tel: 01843 227959  
Email sam.rose@leisureforce.co.uk  
**CLOSING DATE**  
7th January 2008

## MARKETING, ADVERTISING

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**Market Research Interviewers**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Kent**  
**SALARY:**  
**Earn £60.65-£66.72 for a 6 hour working day**  
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**TO APPLY:**  
Julie Hart Advertising  
Tel: 020 8433 4491  
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Regional Communication Officer**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Kent**  
**SALARY:**  
**TBC**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Ringway Group Ltd**  
**TO APPLY:**  
Ringway Group Ltd  
Email careers@ringway.co.uk  
**CLOSING DATE**  
7th January 2008

## MOTOR TRADE, DRIVER

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Bus Drivers**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Maidstone**  
**SALARY:**  
**TBC**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Arriva Southern Counties**  
We are looking for enthusiastic, customer-focused individuals to join our existing team of bus drivers based at our Maidstone Depot. We can offer: Free uniform, Quality pension scheme, Excellent career opportunities and Free bus travel for you and your family. We also welcome applications from Car Licence holders who wish to join our paid PCV driver training. Come to our Open Day / Recruitment Day at Maidstone Depot, Armstrong Road, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6TX on Sunday 13th January 2008 (09.30 to 14.30). All you have to bring with you is your current full driving licence.  
**TO APPLY:**  
Arriva Southern Counties  
Tel: 0845 600 1415  
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

## NOT FOR PROFIT, CHARITIES

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Head of Communications**

**LOCATION:**  
**Sittingbourne**  
**SALARY:**  
**Competitive with car, phone and broadband access from home**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Demelza House**  
Providing control and maximising branding opportunities, you will have:-  
• proven media management skills  
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**TO APPLY:**  
Recruitment Line  
Demelza House  
Tel: 01795 845295  
Email info@demelza.org.uk  
**CLOSING DATE**  
23rd January, 2007

**JOB TITLE:**  
**PCV Driver Training Programme**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Kent**  
**SALARY:**  
**N/A**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Kings Ferry**  
The Kings Ferry offers FREE, full, behind-the-wheel PCV training in dedicated vehicles - a fantastic opportunity, particularly for those seeking a change of career. You could be a fully qualified Kings Ferry Coach Driver within weeks: we arrange and pay for medical, provisional licence, theory test, practical test and guarantee a full time position for successful applicants! Successful applicants will be required to apply for Standard Disclosure to the Criminal Records Bureau. Information available at [www.disclosure.gov.uk](http://www.disclosure.gov.uk) or 0870 90 90 811.

**TO APPLY:**  
Sarah  
Kings Ferry  
Tel: 01634 377577  
Email  
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

## NURSING, MEDICINE, CARE WORK

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Dental Nurse**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Maidstone**  
**SALARY:**  
**TBC**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Marden Dental Surgery**  
Required for Marden Dental Surgery  
**TO APPLY:**  
Marden Dental Surgery  
Tel: 01622 831556 or 07860560051  
Email  
mardentsurg@btopenworld.com

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Residential Home Manager**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Rochester**  
**SALARY:**  
**£24,081 - £27,046**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Kent Autistic Trust**  
Residential Home for 6 Service Users. You will have the ability to model good practice and provide support and advice to team members, to ensure that service users have meaningful and varied lives. Working alongside a team, you will replace absent staff on shift, and ensure the smooth running of every aspect of the home. This will include managing the service's budget, providing appraisal and supervision, as well as the effective implementation of the Trust's policies and procedures. In addition, you will possess:  
• NVQ4 in care and Registered Home Managers Award or equivalent  
• At least four years experience of working within the field of services for people with special needs  
• A working knowledge of the Care Standards Act 2000  
• A willingness to participate in a continuous development of the service. All applicants who are offered employment will be subject to a

criminal record check from the Criminal Records Bureau.  
**TO APPLY:**  
Personnel  
Kent Autistic Trust  
Tel: 01634 405168  
Email  
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk  
**CLOSING DATE**  
Friday 18th January 2008

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Senior Support Worker**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Rochester**  
**SALARY:**  
**£13,968 to £15,606 + sleep in allowance**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Kent Autistic Trust**  
Would you like to consider a career in the Kent Autistic Trust and receive training and support as our investment in your professional development? Do you have an interest in working with people who have Autistic Spectrum Disorder and/or learning disabilities? Successful candidates will also enjoy the following benefits:  
• Comprehensive induction training  
• 25 days of annual leave in addition to paid public holidays  
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• Generous overtime and bank holiday rates  
• Sleep in allowance amounting to about £2,500 per annum  
• Free meals whilst on duty  
• Free Confidential Counselling Support Line. All applicants who are offered employment will be subject to a criminal record check from the Criminal Records Bureau. Closing date:  
**TO APPLY:**  
Personnel  
Kent Autistic Trust  
Tel: 01634 405168  
Email  
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk  
**CLOSING DATE**  
18th January 2008

## OTHER

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Home Business Opportunity**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Kent**  
**SALARY:**  
**Earn from £500 - £2,500 per month**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Home Business Opportunity**  
Choose your hours - full or part-time. Full training given. Proven system and programme. Applicants MUST register for a free information pack: [www.yourbusiness.org.uk](http://www.yourbusiness.org.uk). Home business opportunities.  
**TO APPLY:**  
Nevil Kapadia  
Home Business Opportunity  
Tel: 0208 432 9427  
Email  
untoldriches@blueyonder.co.uk

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Mediation Skills Basic Training Course (FREE)**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Dover**  
**SALARY:**  
**N/A**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Shepway & Dover Mediation Service**  
Are you a good listener? Interested in people? Able to be fair and unbiased? Then mediation skills will come naturally to you! This a fun, skills based course. All materials provided. Everyone welcome whatever your age or education. Great for your cv or confidence building. Dover Town Hall 24th, 31st January and 7th February 10am-3pm. Ring now for details.  
**TO APPLY:**  
Shepway & Dover Mediation Service  
Tel: 01303 227296  
Email shepwaymed@lineone.net

## PUBLIC SECTOR, SOCIAL SERVICES

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Central Control Operator**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Folkestone**  
**SALARY:**  
**£17,043 - £24,444 pro rata**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Shepway District Council**  
16 hrs per week. Our Housing Services team are seeking to recruit a further member of staff to join its

busy 24 hour Control Centre, monitoring Lifeline Clients, CCTV surveillance system and Telecare. The shift system is varied and covers the full 24 hour clock, 365 days per year. Therefore unsocial working hours forms an integral part of this demanding post and post-holders will be expected to be flexible in their approach. Post-holders are expected to be proactive in their approach to problem solving and a "Can Do" attitude is essential. A calm disposition and an ability to multi-task is also a vital requirement. Additionally in order to fulfil this demanding role you will need:  
• Excellent communication and observation skills.  
• First Class hearing and a clear speaking voice.  
• You will have the ability to prioritise your work-load in a high pressure environment.  
• Good administration skills, including data entry and computer literate. Applicants will be holders of, or make a commitment to study for the 'Edexcel National Certificate for Central Control Operators' and will be subject to receipt of satisfactory enhanced disclosure check from the Criminal Records Bureau and Airwaves check. Initially the post-holder will be based at Philippa House Control Centre however in the early part of the new year the team will transfer to a purpose built Control Room Suite at the Civic Centre. For further information about these posts, please contact Angela Vince or Shelley Sqaunce on 01303 242971. CVs will not be accepted.  
**TO APPLY:**  
Shepway District Council  
Tel: 01303 853481 - 24 hour answerphone  
Email jobs@shepway.gov.uk  
**CLOSING DATE**  
Friday 18 January 2008

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Social Worker (Specialist Palliative Care)**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Rochester**  
**SALARY:**  
**£22,122 - £33,291 p.a. (pp award bar at point 38)**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Medway Council**  
**TO APPLY:**  
Medway Council  
Tel: 01634 332843 24-hour answerphone  
Email jobs@medway.gov.uk  
**CLOSING DATE**  
25 January 2008

## RETAIL, WHOLESALE, SALES

**JOB TITLE:**  
**Internal Sales Engineer**  
**LOCATION:**  
**Kent**  
**SALARY:**  
**Circa £15k basic - £20-25k with Commission**  
**COMPANY:**  
**Acorn Storage Equipment Ltd**  
Acorn is a leading supplier of new and used pallet racking and warehouse storage equipment. We are looking for an internal sales person to deal with day to day customer enquiries and provide support to field sales engineers with a view to progressing to field sales as soon as possible. Experience in this or a related industry (forklift trucks for example) would be an advantage but is not essential. A positive attitude, enthusiasm and flexibility are more important. If you are interested in joining a small, friendly team with good career prospects, please send your CV to Neil Wood, Acorn Storage Equipment Limited, Gas Road, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 2QB.  
**TO APPLY:**  
Neil Wood  
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**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
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**THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

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# Fiat 500 'dynasty' rolls on in style

BRITAIN'S original Mini can rightly claim to be motoring history's No1 small car and has been reborn as the highly popular MINI.

But Italy's Fiat has been the most consistent producer of clever small cars, including a dynasty of Fiat 500s, the Fiat 127 – the original small hatchback or supermini – plus two remarkable Panda budget cars.

So, as the world recognises the real threat from global warming and races to downsize in style, it is apt that the Italian masters of mini motoring should produce a car to suit – the new generation 500.

It reaches UK showrooms this month,

By **STEVE LOADER**

but left-hand drive production of the car has been in full swing for months and already allowed it to become a best-seller on the Continent and the 2007 winner of European Car of the Year (COTY).

Leaving aside the fact that France and Italy treat this contest rather like the Eurovision Song Contest, rarely allowing Audi, BMW, Mercedes and VW to get a look in, this is probably one of the most understandable verdicts in years.

And that is also despite the fact that technically, the 500 is not such a new design – the car is underpinned by the Fiat Panda, a COTY winner itself in 2004.

The 500 polled 385 COTY points from the

58-strong judging panel – motoring writers from 22 countries – beating impressive rivals such as the Mazda2 supermini (325 votes), all-new Ford Mondeo (202), Kia Ceed (166) and Qashqai (147).

Germany's best effort was sixth, with the Mercedes C-Class (128), while the French had to settle for seventh this time, with the Peugeot 308 (97) – France should get its usual turn next year though (ouch!).

With no large-scale wholly British motor makers now, no one could accuse our six UK judges of bias though and Autocar's Steve Cropley admitted the 500's victory was predictable:

"Every now and then a car comes along that undoubtedly deserves to be Car of The Year – the Fiat 500 is one of those cars. Thirty four of the 58 jurors placed the Fiat

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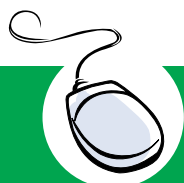


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2005	05	Corsa Breeze	1.0	5	Silver lightening	34,825	£5,495	2007	57	Meriva Energy	1.4	5	Silver lightening	Delivery	£8,995
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# 'Reheated' 308 shows Gallic culinary swagger



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The same skill is deployed with varying degrees of success by the motor industry: Ford got away with it for years by serving up the same old Escort, before customers started banging the cutlery about and forced Dagenham to cook up the radically different Focus.

Of course, the French have long been famous for culinary adaptation, so it is appropriate that Peugeot has come up with a pièce de résistance for the same family hatchback segment as the Focus – the 'new' 308.

It is a more stylish car than the rather lumpen 307, with an interior that could come from the executive sector and disguising how the 308's predecessor lives on beneath the surface.

While I cannot argue with the adage "don't fix it if it ain't broke", a week with the 308 suggested that Peugeot might have done more to improve chassis characteristics carried over from the 307; you still hear and feel more than you want to of the suspension interacting with the road.

The electric-hydraulic steering also still feels a little dull – all the more so, once you realise that despite a pliant ride, the 308 tightens up nicely on the bends and can be chucked about a bit.

However, if presentation is key to the

## DrivingReview



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## Peugeot308

mystique of great cuisine, then the 308 is a dish to savour.

It is smarter in the metal than suggested by early publicity shots and wears a striking version of Peugeot's 'grinning shark' grille – I grinned myself on learning that our test car was finished in shark grey metallic.

But the interior sells it; with or without the brilliant panoramic glass roof standard on SE and Sport models – for which there is an electrically operated shade – the cabin feels enor-

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mous for this class. This is achieved by the expanse of deep windows and the elegant low set dashboard.

It is not all optical illusion though, as the car seats five with decent leg and headroom plus above-average boot space and lots of other convenient stowage.

On top of that, Peugeot has thrown the cook-book at the trimmings, with materials that feel expensive and robust – something you could not always say about the 307 – and a well-arranged dashboard.

There seemed to be a fault with the sophisticated SE level audio system in the test car though – the radio tended to drift off on mystery tours, apparently designed to expose me to the wonders of rap music.

Nevertheless, as the company did much to rectify the flaky electrics of early 307s, we can assume that the 308 will be more dependable.

Our car was the petrol flagship, a turbocharged 150bhp 1.6-litre unit developed jointly with BMW that is quiet and refined even under pressure – one reason why you can

hear chassis activity – delivering 0-62mph in a respectable 8.8 seconds. It also slips along and cruises well on the motorway, adding to the upmarket feel.

In the drive to be greener though, it is the diesels that will attract most attention; not only is Peugeot famed for the type, but also offers the 308 with a frugal HDi 90 unit emitting just 120g/km of CO<sub>2</sub>, thereby qualifying for road tax of only £35 a year, and a possible average of 40mpg. A diesel-electric hybrid is also on the stocks.

## DrivingStats

- Peugeot 308 1.6 THP150 SE five-door £16,895.
- Range: £11,995-20,045.
- Garage stats: 4.27m by 2.04m five-door hatchback.
- Powertrain: 1,598cc/150bhp four-cylinder petrol engine driving front wheels through a five-speed gearbox.
- Performance: top speed 133mph and 0-62mph in 8.8 seconds.
- How green?: category-E and 167g per km CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.
- Official fuel figures: combined 39.7mpg.
- Euro NCAP safety rating (0-5 stars): \*\*\*\*
- Fuel tank: 60 litres/13.2 gallons.
- Insurance group: 13E.
- Warranty: three years/60,000 miles.
- Website: www.peugeot.co.uk

• Rivals: Alfa Romeo 147, Chevrolet Lacetti, Citroën C4, Dodge Caliber, Fiat Bravo, Ford Focus, Honda Civic, Hyundai i30, Kia Ceed, Nissan Note or Qashqai, Proton GEN-2, Renault Megane, Seat Leon, Skoda Octavia, Toyota Auris, Vauxhall Astra and VW Golf.

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Tony Buddin, head of marketing at Business Link, said: "This is an exceptionally valuable opportunity for local businesses to promote their products or services."

"It is incredibly useful for networking, making new contacts and signing up new clients. If you only exhibit once in 2008, make sure it's at Kent 2020 Vision."

The event features keynote speakers Greg Dyke, former director general of the BBC, serial entrepreneur Karen Darby, top business forecaster Prof Richard Scase and Alan Knight, one-time head of sustainable development at B&Q.

# Tax-free savings are less taxing



By **Liz Rule**  
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AS you make your resolutions for 2008, one of the areas of your finances you should review this year is your ISA and PEP savings.

New rules are due to come into place from April and it's time to take a look at what you have and assess what you can save.

First, the limits are changing. From April you can contribute £3,600 to a Cash ISA, up from the existing £3,000 per year.

The overall ISA limit has gone up to £7,200 which means if you take full advantage of the Cash ISA allowance, you can also contribute £3,600 into stocks and shares. If your investment time horizon is longer then you can do the whole £7,200 into stocks and shares.

Importantly the old distinction between Maxi and Mini ISAs, which confused everyone is gone, and you now just have the limits to adhere to rather than worrying about how you achieve it.

Also, previous cash ISAs can be transferred into stocks and shares ISAs and older style PEPs can be rounded up too, giving you the

chance to amalgamate all your savings and achieve a level of simplicity not previously possible.

It is also time to take a look at the interest rate you are getting on your cash ISA and make sure it is competitive, along with reviewing the funds you hold in your stocks and shares ISAs. Has the fund manager left? Has the fund performed well against its peers? And does the asset mix still satisfy your aims and level of risk?

Seek help from an experienced investment adviser if you feel you need help reviewing your funds. Paying an adviser to manage them for you, typically costing between 0.5 a percent and 1.5 per cent per year could pay dividends in the longer term.

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# 'The Tak man is back'

## Victory will put ex-champ on path to big British title shot

By **GLENN PEARSON**

**BOXER** Takaloo has hit out at claims his career is over and has warned he is back and ready to fulfil ambitions of world title glory.

The Margate boxer returns to the ring on Saturday to fight Anthony Small for the vacant Southern Area light middleweight title at York Hall in Bethnal Green.

The fight is on the undercard of the British super featherweight clash between Carl Johannesson and Kevin Mitchell and represents a chance for Takaloo to get his career back on track.

The 32-year-old lost his WBU welterweight title against Michael Jennings in April after struggling to make the weight and suffering with tonsillitis. Commentators said Takaloo looked tired and could have been thinking about a court case that was hanging over him at the time, but has since been dropped.

However, the fighter told Kent on

Sunday he is back fighting fit and can concentrate fully on the sport, together with the help of trainer Jim McDonnell who is back again in Takaloo's corner.

He told KoS: "I definitely feel really good. This time there are no excuses and I have everyone around me again and my boxing has been improving. When people start changing trainers things can go wrong."

"For me, I have been boxing since I was seven and to get a good relationship takes time with a coach, but I am happy to be back with Jim and we are going to go all the way."

### Big stage

With problems behind him, he has been back in training and feels he is more suited to the light middleweight category. The fight with Small gives him a chance to get himself back on the big stage.

He said: "I have never stopped training but I have been stepping it up hard over the last few months and my body is beginning to feel it, so now is the time to start tapering it off in time for the fight."

"I am willing to put myself through

it in this fight to prove a point to myself and to everyone else."

Takaloo's opponent is known as a big talker, but in his last fight, against Bradley Pryce, he ran out of steam and the fight was stopped in the seventh round. Small has been trying to wind Takaloo up, but the Margate boxer insists it hasn't been working.

"He is a character but he comes into this fighting for his life because he is going to get a big performance from me – I am ready for him," he said. "He talks about himself a lot and how good he thinks he is, but you have to be able to back it up."

"Both of us need this fight as it is a crossroads in both our boxing careers. People have been writing me off so I want to show them I am back."

"I want to win and win in style. I will win in midway stoppages, probably round five or six."

"I want to be the best light middleweight boxer in Britain but this fight is not about winning, it is about sending a message out to the boxing world: The Tak man is back man."

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**ON THE FIGHT PATH:** Takaloo hopes a victory over Anthony Small will put him on runway for a British light-middleweight title fight

**JAMIE STAFF:** The 2008 season could be the last chance for the 35-year-old to add to his glittering career. After competing in the World Track Cycling Championships at Manchester in March, the Ashford-based cyclist has his sights set on a medal at the Beijing Olympics.

Staff competed at Athens in 2004 but when looking on course for a medal in the keirin, he was controversially disqualified.

He has already stated he will not participate at London 2012, so Beijing will be the last chance for the multiple world champion to win the biggest prize in track cycling.

**MATT HAINES:** After a stunning breakthrough last year, the Chatham teenager will begin 2008 as one of the most exciting young talents in the UK.

Wins in the prestigious Peter McEvoy Trophy, the English Boys Under-18 Championship for the Carris Trophy and a place in the victorious Boys Home Internationals team, introduced Haines to the national circuit in 2007.

The Rochester & Cobham GC member is part of the 12-man England A squad for 2008 and will aim to further his reputation with a good showing at the English Ama-



## Ones to watch

**Kent on Sunday Sport identifies the county's stars to look out for in 2008**

teur Championships at Woodhall Spa, Lincolnshire in July.

**JOE DENLEY:** The 21-year-old Kent opening batsmen has been a real find for the county after progressing through the ranks at the club and taking over from David Fulton at the top of the order.

Denley, from Whitstable, showed his class in an unbeaten knock of 115 against Hampshire which included Shane Warne and Australian seam bowler Stuart Clark.

An innings of 83 against India's Test attack while playing for England Lions in the summer showed his credentials on the international stage.

He was called up as part of the England Performance Programme for a tour of India in the winter where he scored runs against a strong spin attack. The youngster will be looking for another consistent



season for Kent to push his claims for a Test spot further.

**KIRK SHEPHERD:** What lies in store for this new darts superstar? After reaching the final of the PDC World Championships at Alexandra Palace, the 21-year-old from Ramsgate has now set his sights on a professional career in the sport.

His performances in darts' toughest championship showed he has character and no lack of skill. He climbed from 140 in the rankings to be among one of the top 32 in the world, so 2008 holds much promise for Shepherd.

The former Winmau World Masters Youth Champion, British youth champion and England youth player, had much success as a youngster and will hope to transfer this to the men's game.

His experience at the Aly Paly will no doubt stand him in good stead.



**LEON CAMIER:** Superbike ace Leon Camier had a mixed debut in the British Superbike Championship last season finishing eighth in the series, despite missing the last two meetings through injury.

The Ashford-born rider had a hatful of top 10 finishes, including two podiums in his first ever race meeting at Brands Hatch with a privateer team.

The 21-year-old will be fit and raring to go for the 2008 season after securing a deal with front running team, Airwaves Ducati where he will be team-mate to former Moto GP racer Shane Byrne.



**SOPHIE AINSWORTH:** Reigning world youth 29er champion Sophie Ainsworth is hoping to follow in the footsteps of Olympic champion Sophie Ayton in 2008.

The 18-year-old sailor from Ashford is hoping to qualify for the Beijing Olympics and is a real medal hope when the games come to London in 2012.

Ainsworth, who is a university student, has stepped up to the Olympic 470 class and is hoping to have the same success as her previous 29er class. She will be partnered by fellow student Sophie Weguelin and they will be competing against the world's best this year.



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By **GLENN PEARSON**

A WHIRLWIND couple of weeks has been described as a "dream come true" by Kirk Shepherd after his amazing rise to fame in reaching the final of the PDC World Darts Championships.

The 21-year-old from Ramsgate shocked the sport after entering the competition as a qualifier ranked 140 in the world before reaching the final, beating world stars Peter Manley and Wayne Mardle on the way.

Canadian John Part ended the fairytale with a commanding 7-2 win in the final, but the Kent youngster left the competition with a lot more than the £50,000 cheque for his efforts.

He helped put darts in the spotlight as a sport and his energy on the stage earned him great support among the crowd at the Alexandra Palace, while his endeavours at the oche saw him break into the top 32 in the world.

It could have been very different as he faced Terry Jenkins in the first round, who had four darts at the double to beat Shepherd, but failed to see the game through and the Kent star came back to win 3-2.

Coming back from the brink of defeat was an integral theme throughout the competition, as he saved 13 match points on the way to the final.

He told Kent on Sunday: "They had plenty of darts to beat me, but they let me back in and I managed to win. I never gave up and I had to remain confident. I was the most inexperienced player there, but you have to believe in yourself and I think that is probably what got me through."

#### Confidence

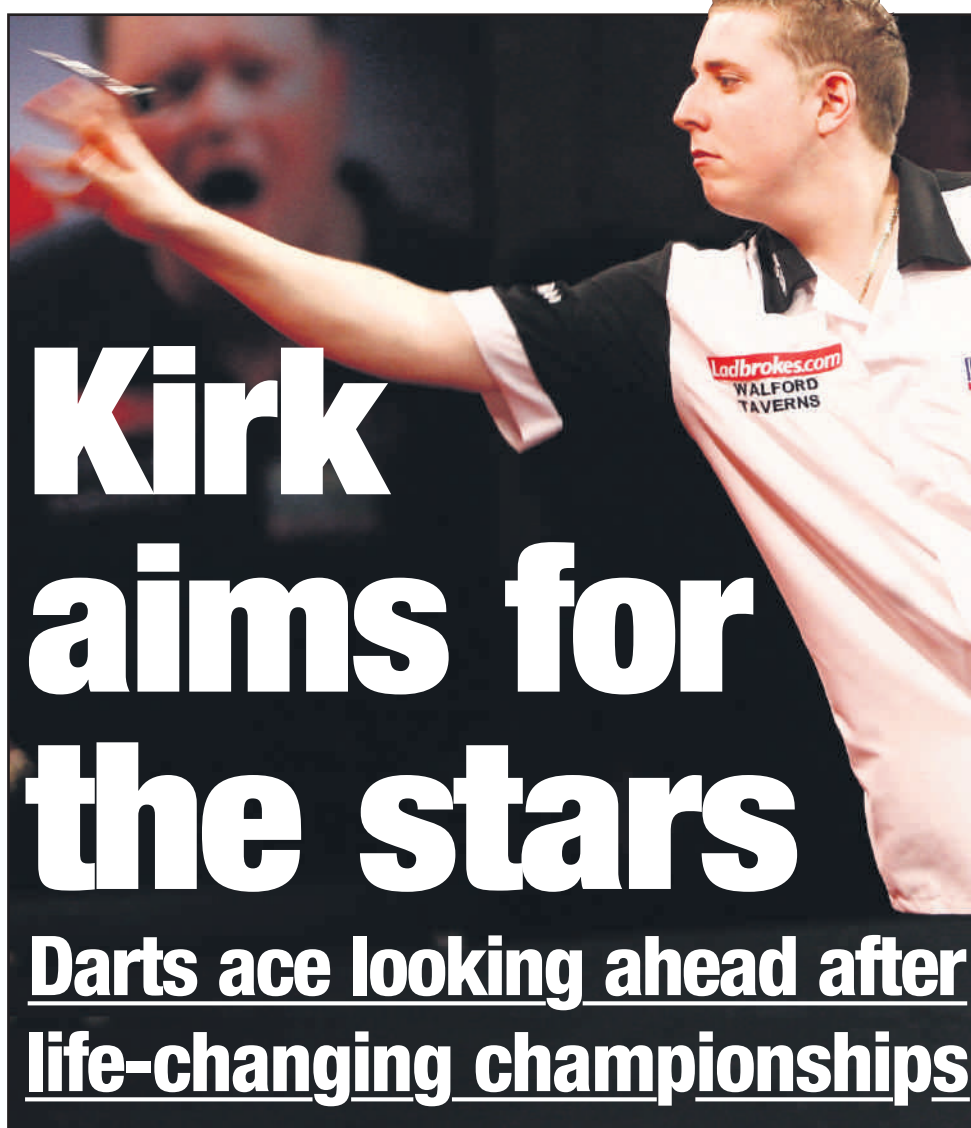
"There were times when it seemed I was dead and buried and I thought to myself it is a case of now or never, but I always believed I could come back and I did."

Having qualified for the championships, reaching the final was beyond his wildest dreams. However, as the tournament progressed, he grew in confidence and continued to punish his opponents for not taking out their doubles.

He said: "I went into the tournament looking to play well, but I had a really tough match to start with. I wanted to do well as I didn't want to make a mug of myself. I just kept my head down and just concentrated on playing."

"When I won the first match the confidence seemed to grow even more and I could see what the competition was all about."

"As I kept winning I could feel the momentum and when I got to the semi-final I really



# Kirk aims for the stars

## Darts ace looking ahead after life-changing championships

believed I could go on to win the tournament. I kept thinking about being the youngest one to win it."

The youngster admits the experience of the competition would have been capped off if he had faced darts heroes Phil Taylor and Dennis Priestley, but in the end he was happy with his performances.

He told KoS he went into the final with Part looking to start quickly and win the opening the sets, but in the end it went the other way and he had to settle for second place – an amazing feat considering not many people had heard of him before the tournament.

He said: "It was without a doubt the best Christmas and start to a New Year; it was a real dream come true."

"Winning the quarter-final against Peter Manley was probably one of the highlights

because that guaranteed me a place in the Grand Slam of Darts which is also televised and that was quite special."

Shepherd has now quit his job as a sheet metal worker in Ramsgate on a quest to make it as a professional darts player and believes he has it in him to be a success.

"I want to go on holiday for a week and then get a new car," he said. "On the darts front, I want to play in as many darts competitions as I can and continue to do well."

"I think I can cut it in the professional game and my performances in the tournament proved that."

He is next on the oche at the Gateshead Stadium on January 13 in the UK Open Regional Finals.



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## Wag signs for Addicks

**FOOTBALL:** A potential star of the future from Kent has signed professional terms with Championship side Charlton Athletic.

Promising winger, Scott Wagstaff has penned a two-and-a-half year deal after skipping the under-18's to FA Youth Cup success and being an ever present in the club's reserve team.

The 17-year-old from Maidstone was shocked to get the deal and it capped off a great week for the youngster who was also named on the bench for the first team's game at Norwich on Boxing Day.

He told the club's website: "The gaffer (Alan Pardew) said he thought I had a good future at the club and wanted to offer me a deal."

"I was so happy I didn't really know what to say, but now I just want to keep pushing for a place in the senior squad in 2008."

Wagstaff was noticed by the club after impressing at a Charlton Community coaching course in the county.



## 10 out of 10 for Mos?

**ICE HOCKEY:** Invicta Dynamos will attempt to take their winning streak to 10 league games this afternoon when they take on play-off rivals Haringey Greyhounds.

Kevin Parrish's side have a 100 per cent record in the ENIHL South B, four points behind leaders Bracknell Hornets, but with five games in hand.

The Mos can keep the pressure on at the top with another win and go into the game having already beat the Greyhounds twice this season.

Face-off at the Gillingham Ice Bowl, 5.15pm.



## Race circuit saved

**MOTORSPORT:** Racing will continue at Lydden Hill race track after the circuit was saved by the daughter of former British Rallycross Champion Pat Doran.

Amy Doran, the director of the Lydden Hill circuit, has signed a five year lease from owners McLaren International. The previous lease expired in November and many thought the venue may have to close for good.

The circuit, situated in the hills between Canterbury and Dover, has been a popular attraction in the past.

Large crowds come from across the country to see drivers from all over Europe battle through the gravel and tarmac course.

Doran is also hoping to improve the venue by resurfacing the track and constructing a new entrance to ease the accessibility to the circuit.

The track is set to host two rounds of the British Rallycross Championship this year and a special drifting event in September.

# Stimson makes transfer moves

LESS than a week since the transfer window opened, Gillingham manager Mark Stimson has already been busy launching an ambitious range of approaches in a bid to strengthen his squad, **writes David Pritchard.**

The Gills boss is scouring the divisions to add the three or four new players he wants before the transfer window closes at the end of the month, with a pair of Premier League youngsters on his shopping list.

The club are waiting to hear whether their offers to take the two players on loan are successful, and with the current squad contributing just 18 goals in 23 league games, a natural goalscorer is a priority.

#### Rejected

Last month, Stimson revealed the Gills had been in negotiations since November with Forest Green Rovers for their prolific striker Stuart Fleetwood, but after the Blue Square Premier side rejected three offers last week, hopes are fading.

Stimson said: "I would be very pleased if we did get him, but I would be surprised as well. Forest Green have a chance to get into the play-offs, which I don't think happens to them very often, so understandably they don't want to let him go."

Gills chairman Paul Scally is planning to speak to his opposite number at the Gloucestershire club in the next few days in an effort to strike a deal.

If their offer is turned down for a fourth time, Stimson may turn his attentions to



**FADING:** The Gills are unlikely to sign Forest Green Rovers striker Stuart Fleetwood

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other targets, one of whom is promising Stevenage Borough midfielder Stuart Lewis.

Gills are also in the market for a centre-half, with Grays Athletic's Jon Ashton on the hit-list. They have had no luck so far, but a deal

could be done before the end of the month.

Stimson said: "We made an approach which was turned down but results change things, if they go out of the FA Trophy then maybe we could do a deal."

"Everyone has the best interests of their club at heart. It's the same with us, if someone rang me before the MK Dons match looking to sign one of my players I would say no, but afterwards then it might be a different answer."

To accommodate the new players arriving at the club, some of the existing squad will be moved on.

Teenage star Luke Freeman has been courted by Arsenal, West Ham United and Newcastle United and is expected to name the team he wants to join this week. The north London club are thought to be the favourites to capture the 15-year-old's signature.

One confirmed departure is loan striker Shabazz Baidoo, who has returned to QPR after failing to make an impact during his six-week stay.

Leroy Griffiths' future will be decided next week before his short-term deal expires later this month. The striker has had limited opportunities since joining in November, but may have done enough to earn a longer deal after scoring against Nottingham Forest last month.

Doubts remain over a number of the rest of the squad including Kelvin Jack, Steve Lomas, David Graham Aaron Brown and Guylain Ndumbu-Nsungu.

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# TREDDY: I'M READY

## England pick spinner for New Zealand tour

By **GLENN PEARSON**

KENT all-rounder James Tredwell has been celebrating after being called up for England's One-Day International squad for the tour to New Zealand.

The 25-year-old was the surprise inclusion of the 16-man squad to tour New Zealand, along with Tim Ambrose who was named at the expense of Sussex wicket-keeper Matt Prior.

Tredwell will battle it out with Nottinghamshire's Graeme Swann for the spinner's berth in the team which plays five ODIs against the Black Caps.

A delighted Tredwell told Kent on Sunday: "I had an inkling something was happening, but it was still a wonderful moment when David Graveney rang me to confirm my selection for the one-day leg of the tour.

"I was wondering if I was about to be made captain of the England Lions tour of India, or something like that, but then to get my first senior England call-up – it's fantastic."

### Attack

The inclusion comes after a great year for the Kent star, who has often led the attack for the club as the county's only spinner and has chipped in with important runs in all forms of the game.

He said: "It's nice to be recognised for what I've done out on the field for Kent over the past few years in particular. During that time I feel my one-day cricket has been good, and I've also made big strides at first-class level too.

"I now regard myself as an all-rounder, rather than as a bowler who can bat, and I think Peter Moores is just as keen as his predecessor as England coach, Duncan Fletcher, on having a good balance to the side in both ODI and Test cricket."

With Monty Panesar being left out of the ODI leg of the New Zealand tour – so he can prepare himself with the England Lions in India for the Test series against the Kiwis that follows – there is an opportunity for Swann and Tredwell to push their claims as the spinners in one-day matches.

"Graeme went to Sri Lanka with England before Christmas, so I imagine he will be looked at as the number one spinner before we get to New Zealand," he said. "But I will be aiming to impress, at Loughborough before the tour and in the early warm-up games, and perhaps there might also be occasions when we both get chosen."

Tredwell has just returned after spending last month with the England Performance Programme in India. He performed well, picking up six wickets in the two games, recording figures of 3-24 and 3-45 and



**JUST REWARD:** James Tredwell says his England call-up is proof of how much he has improved as a one-day player Picture: GETTY IMAGES

believes his efforts against a country renowned for their ability to play spin, improved his chances of a call-up.

He said: "I feel I bowled and batted well and obviously I impressed those in charge there, because I'm sure that has had something to do with my promotion to senior England level.

"I tried to make sure my general attitude and approach to training was good and I also enjoyed working with Ashley Giles, who was on the trip as a specialist spin coach.

"He was a big source of information for me and he gave a couple of little tips, but basically my technique is sound and I've worked very hard on that for a good number of years now."

Tredwell will now spend much of his time in the nets at St Lawrence before jetting off to New Zealand, but firstly he expects to spend time celebrating with his family.

He said: "I'm proud for myself, and for Kent, but probably most of all for my parents, John and Rosemary. I managed to speak briefly to my dad straight after hearing the news, but I'm looking forward to seeing them both to celebrate my selection.

"Overall, it's a great day in my career, but I now want to try to take whatever opportunities come my way and also to use this tour to push on still further with Kent next summer."

Kent opening batsmen Joe Denly has been called up for the England Lions tour to India at the end of the month, which is in recognition of his performances for the county and efforts at the EPP where he continued to score runs.

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